Saturday Review: Golden days, by John Gielgud

## esident Amin Page Summericans Designation summons pefore him

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mdan acting chargé in Washington, Mr. State Department: no cause for alarm." t on to say "Presiwishes to inform the that they would not nd or harassed. He done and he wark meinue - But if they

The message to President Carter from President Amin was delivered this morning. It accused the Americans of posting 5,000 marines off the coast of Kenya ready to invade President Amin described Mr Carter as the "exhaust pipe of the Zionists" he said: "I know that the black Americans, as well as many white Americans, cannot be against Uganda, but some Zionist Jews who control the media are the ones exerting

pressure."
He added: "In spite of being a new President, it is very hard to remain in that office unless the Zionists put you in their

He accused the Central Intel ligence Agency (CIA) of in volvement in an abortive plot against his Government. He said evidence of CIA in-

from 16 Ugandans who were actively involved and had been arrested in the past two weeks. Claiming that Mr Carter had based his views on Uganda on bearsay evidence. President Amin suggested it would be better for the United States to ask the United Nations to investigate its own violations of human rights.

When Uganda radio broadcas the amouncement of Monday's meeting to which the Americans are summoned it instructed border guards and immigration officers to ensure that no Americans left Uganda before

The announcement causes alarm among Americans in East Significantly, Ugandan

administrators were instructed to draw up lists of all the Americans in their areas and of their property, including chickens, goats, pigs and other animals, according to the radio. Nairobi, Feb 25.—A presidential spokesman in Kampala said later that the Americans sumpared the presidential spokesman in Kampala said later that the Americans sumpared presidential spokesman between the control of the same state. moned to appear before President Amin should not be alarmed. The President only wanted to thank them for their wanted to thank the training a period of economic difficulty, Uganda radio quoted the spokesman as

saving. Ottawa: Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, said in Parliament today that he will consider asking that the question of human rights in Uganda be placed on the agenda for the Commonwealth conference in London in June. -Reuter-

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The scene of the murder of Mr lan Jebb, the bank cashier.

## Hunt for girl after bank killing

Prestbury, Cheshire

A police hunt involving seventy officers was being centred last night on Prestbury, Cheshire, for a man or men, possibly accompained by a girl of 19 as hostage, after the cushier of a bank was found dead from stab wounds. Houseto-house searches were being

Customers of the small branch of Williams and Glyn's bank in or williams and Givis bank in Prestbury, regarded as "the richest village" in the north-west of England, became alarmed when they could not get a reply at the door after the normal lunchtime closing period Bank officials found Mr Ian

Nicholas Jebb, aged 22, the cashier, of Highlands Road, Offerton, Stockport, dead from Botween 52,000 and 12,500 had been stolen and Miss Susan Hockenhull, of Lowes Lane, Gawsworth, Cheshire, who

Gawsworth, Cheshire, who should also have been on duty, was missing. Det Chief Supt Gerald Williams, of Cheshire CID, said there was reason to believe that Miss Hockenhull was being held as a hostage. He described the injuries to Mr Jebb as the result of a vicious attack. The man or men being sought were

obviously dangerous. An incident room was set up at a village, hall in Prestbury last might and an appeal went out to anyone who was in the

**Portuguese** 

The Prime Minister had left a

Cabinet meeting which dis-cussed economic measures to

make the announcement. He later returned to the meeting. He said further details of the

economic measures proposed would be given later by him-self and by Dr Medina Carreira, the Finance Minister.

Dr Soares, a socialist, told President Eanes of the Govern-

ment's proposed economic measures this afternoon. The

President also had talgs today with the leaders of the Social Democrat, Christian Democrat

and Communist parties.

by 15pc

From Jose Shercliff

Lisbon, Feb 25

business was conducted normally to contact the police and give any information they bad about people entering or leaving. Two special phone numbers were issued by the police.

Mr Williams said the concentration of the bunt on the village did not rule out the possibility that Miss Hockenhull had been taken away in a vehicle, although there had been no descriptions of a vehicle involved in the robbery.

Miss Hockenboll's father, Mr David Hockenbull, is a gardener employed by Macclesfield council and his wife, Violet, said that she was



Miss Susan Hockenhulf

described as between 5ft 4in and 5ft 6in tall, of slim build, with a fair complexion. She has a small mole on her right cheek, short, fair hair and blue

She was thought to be wear-ing a maroon skirt, a grey polo-neck sweater and a long, black or blue cardigan. The coat and sandals she normally wore were found in the bank by the police.

Only the staff on an estate agency whose offices adjoin the little black and white bank with its stone slab roof in the centre of the picturesque village heard anything unusual. They made statements to the police last

Others, including shop-keepers, said they did not realize anything was amiss until the police cars began to Mr Jebb had been in his job

for only five days. He hoping his transfer would be the first step to becoming a manager.

Mrs. Hilda Jebb, his step-mother, said he was to have married in August. He had known his fiancee for three years, and they had been engaged for two years. Miss Hockenbull lives with her parents and sister, aged 12, in one of three bungalows built at Middle Mess Farm in the at Middle Mess Farm in the village of Gowsworth near by abone three years ago. Mr. Joseph Kaching a neighbour-said: Swan is a pretty girl with a relative said:

## plans in jeopardy as strike crisis deepens

As British Leyland's internal problems reached crisis proportions yesterday with the probability that it might be forced to reduce substantially its expansion plans, the Government appeared to be adopting a restrained and cautious

approach.

Mr Kaufman, Minister of State at the Department of Industry, referred to the Leyland situation during a speech to Labour Party members in Coventry, the home of thousands of Leyland car workers, but did not use the occasion to exhort a return to work or easy that a return to work or say that further state aid was dependent upon sustained output.

After outlining the great potential facing the company he said simply: "There are many enemies, political and commercial who are standing on the sidelines longing for the failure of this crucial venture of public ownership linked with market perticipation. worker participation.

"Those evernies must be deprived of a triumph for them that would be a disaster for

total lay-offs throughout British Leyland reached 30,000 and pro-Leyland reached \$0,000 and production was reduced to a trickle. The lack of strong words from the minister may indicate that the Government, or more likely the National Enterprise Board, is contemplating a new initiative to end the series of disputes putting the future of the company in isonardy

The company is already well behind in its 10-year investment plan and falling behind the targets set in the Ryder report.

Management is certain to be reconsidering future projects, and among the first that could be postponed or cancelled is the

Other medium-term plans in-clude face-lifts for existing models in Leyland's volume car range and a new series of cars in the 1980s, all of which may need to be reduced in

White Paper calls for spending cuts in 1980

By David Blake Economics Correspondent

The possibility of a new round of public spending cuts during this year's review of public expenditure was high-lighted by the publication yesterday of the second part of the Government's annual White

This shows that in 1979-80, on current highly "provisional" plans, total spending on programmes would rise by around £1,000m or 2 per cent in 1979-80, if spending on some industrial aid and lending to nationalized industries is

The White Paper gives a warning that the spending figures for individual programmes during 1979-80 and 1980-81 will have to be reviewed during this year's survey of public spending plans because they have not been resupraised in the light of the developments which led to the Chancellor's cuts on December 15.

Pressure to cut public spend-ing, rather than allow it to brown at the bid of the decade it likely to be reinforced by the

made in programmes for 1977/78 and 1978/79, the jump in 1979/80 is all the more striking. This problem arises because spending plans are usually prepared on a rolling five-year basis, and those for 1979/80 first drawn up for the White Paper which was pub-lished in January 1976.

As part of the terms agreed in securing the IMF loan, public spending for 1977-78 and 1978-79 was cut sharply, but no attempt was made to carry the process onwards to 1979-80. Because of this, the first part of the government White Paper contained no figures in com-parable prices for the years after 1978/79. The White Paper makes no

estimate for lending to nationa-lized industries in later years, or for some kinds of aid to in dustry. If these are omitted, then adding up the spending totals give a figure of £49,500m for all programmes in 1979/80 and £49,800m in 1980/81. These figures compare with an estima ted £48,690m in 1978/79. Protection of Senetits, page State industries finance,

#### Rudolf Hess suicide attempt reported

Berlin, Feb 25.—Rudolf Hess, once Hitler's deputy, tried to commit spicide by slashing his wrists in West Berlin's Spandau prison this week, according to informed sources.

to take his own life. But a French report said that Soviet guards found Herr Hess 15 minutes after he had slashed his wrists after he had slashed his wrists
and punished him by removing
his personal effects.
It was not explained why the
Russians took disciplinary
action when France was responsible for Spandan's security.

## **Abortion Bill** gets second reading after fierce debate

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

trols passed its first Commons hurdle yesterday when it was given a second reading by 170 votes to 132, a majority for the Bill of 38.

The Abortion (Amendments) Bill, which is recognized, even

by its sponsors, as requiring considerable amendment in

considerable amendment in committee, was given its second reading despite opposition from the Department of Health and Social Security.

One of the biggest Friday attendances in the House for some time was evidence of the deep anxiety felt on the issue inside and outside Parliament. In the end, MPs left the Government in no doubt that there ment in no doubt that there

the 1967 Act is operating.

The Bill's main proposals concern the framework for after-care, regulations for premises where abortions are carried out, the matter of con-scientious objection for doctors and nurses, time limits for the ending of pregnancies, and the qualifications required by doctors before they can authorize abortions.

From an early stage it was clear that the Government was not in favour of further legisla-tion now. But Mr Moyle, Mini-ster of State, at the Department of Health and Social Security, promised that if the Bill was given a second reading his department's resources would be placed at the disposal of the House, so that background in-formation would be available when the Bill came before the standing committee.

He said that he and Mr
Ennals, the Secretary of State,

saw no need to introduce legislation in view of the edministrative action taken by the department. He would be voting against the Bill. Mr Moyle added that there

was a case for a period of calm while the various controls available continued to remove the given concern to many people. The important task for the department was to improve the National Health Service abortion arrangements.
Dr Gerard Vaughan, speaking

Dr Gerard Vaughan, speaking from but not for the Tory from bench, said that, as a doctor he was conscious that whenever abortion was discussed they were dismissing the faking of a human life, however legally justified that might be. There was widespread disquiet about abortion and he believed that the Bill would reduce the abuses. The inten-

tion was to reduce abuses with out herming the main intention of the 1967 Act by driving abor-tion into the back streets. From the Tory back benches. Mr. William Benyon, the author of the Bill, which has MPs of all

parties among its sponsors, said he was seeking to legislate along the lines of the recom-mendations of the select com-mittee on abortion. Mr Movie had quoted figures to show that Continued on page 2, col 3

'The Times'

We apologize to readers who did not receive their copies of *The Times* yesterday. This was due to continuing unofficial disputes.

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## C suspends its butter subsidy

hael Hornsby Feb 25

the furore created that the sale of some nes of surplus butter Soviet Union either ad or was about to be by the EEC at a cost . the European Commisight announced the suspension of butter bidies. Hoon was taken by Mr

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ke on the fifth storey making his way down.

ood up I just couldn't breathe, he told. "It must have got up ddenly. There was I could hear the

from the top of the

way the victims.

were trapped.

injured in a fire

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Under EEC rules, the suspension can last only three days.

After that the Commission could reintroduce the subsidy at a reduced rate, provided it obtained the support of EEC members. Earlier this month, the whelet met increased by members. Earlier this month, the subsidy was increased by 10 per cent to £910 a tonne.
During the three days, the Commission intended "to reexamine the butter situation urgently, both in relation to exports and the possibilities for making butter available to consumers at reduced prices within the Community".

the Community". According to informed sources, the Commission's move has come too late to prevent the sale of ar least 10,000 tonnes of surplus butter to the Rus-

sians. The fate of the remainder of the reported 75,000-tonne deal was not immediately clear. The key figure in the butter deal is reported to be M Jean-Baptiste Dumeng, the head of the large southern French agricultural cooperative, Inter-Agra, who was also responsible for the sale of 200,000 tonnes of cut-price EEC butter to Russia in 1973. British view: A spokesman for

the Ministry of Agriculture said in Landon last night that it hoped the Community would be able to find "some equally economic way of disposing of this butter within the Com-

## Everything now depends on price restraint, Mr Jones says development of the social con-tract, published in the TGWU have no alibi for allowing acute Record, assumed a larger inflation to start again. By Paul Routledge and

Christopher Thomas Trade union leaders yester-Portugal is devaluing the escudo by 15 per cent. Dr Soares, the Prime Minister, announced on television tonight.

trade union leaders yester day urged the Chancellor to reflate the economy, and Mr Jack Jones, the chief architect of the social contract, set our his terms for avoiding a confrontation over pay when the current powers expire in July, The TUC economic committee

met Mr Healey to put forward their annual economic review and asked the Government to increase demand by more than 52,000m, largely through personal tax cuts. The unions also want mugher price controls and action to reduce unemployment. Mr. Len Murray, general sec-retary of the TUC, said after the meeting at the Treasury: "We believe there is room for some steady expansion of the economy." The Chancellor had apparently shared some of the unions' optimism, arguing that the nation's economic prospects were better than they had been for some months, but he argued strongly against a quick dash for economic growth.

For their part the unions said they could not accept the Gov-erament's forecast of an infla-tion rate of 15 per cent for the rest of this year, and the TUC
will be seeing Mr Hattersley,
Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, and Mr
Silkin, Secretary for Agriculture, to press-home their argument over food prices. There may also be a further meeting between the six TUC members of the National Economic Development Council and senior Cabinet ministers before Budget Day, March 29.

Restraint urged, page 2 because it captured public Leading article, page 13 attention, Mr Jones's view of

significance.

He had said : " Prices are the crux of the matter now. If the Common Market is allowed to revalue the green pound, if the pound sterling should fall again and make import prices rise, if industry is allowed to recoup cost increases and mostive includes. cost increases and profits inside a prices code designed at the outset by a Tory government, then clearly the mions will have to seek redress.

"The way to avoid the dan-ger of such a confrontation, with its inevitable lodustrial unrest, is for Covernment, industry and commerce to accept top-priority measures against inflation". Mr Jones's article argued

that important measures were needed to affect prices in the shops and the cost of essential services, such as fuel and fares. Industry should also bring forward investment projects to quicken the creation of new jobs, and industrialists should accept the value of planning agreements with the Govern-

The British trade unions have demonstrated in the past two years to the whole country, and, indeed, to the international economic community that responsible, self-disciplined action can be agreed and carried out. "Now it is essential for industry and commerce to show

the same responsibility, resolve and organizational capacity.

Nothing would reinforce the
need for this to happen more
than a Budget that cuts direct
taxes and keeps indirect taxes. down, so that people at the top of industry and commerce with

After the meeting with Mr Healey, Mr Jones was optimis-tic that there would be "quite some improvement" in personal

taxation in the Budget. If tax concessions were deployed in the right way, he said, they would help the trade union leadership in discussions with the Government over an orderly fetura to voluntary collective borganing.

Mr Jones added: It is expected that the rate of inflation will decrease in the mouths shead now that to a

large extent the sterling rate has been stabilized. The immodiate objective remains to halve the inflation rate." It was vital to avoid a wage explosion. Everything that had been achieved in the last two years should not be thrown away. We can endeavour to

away. We can endeavour to plan realistically for more employment and greater investment if there is an orderly return to voluntary collective bargaining and not a scramble. Mr Jones said. It was not yet popularly understood that the economy had suffered considerably not hecause of government policies but because of outside factors. There was an obligation on the trade union movement to find measures with the Government to but the trade course with the covernment.

to bring prices under control and make a contribution to full "Today it is difficult for many workers to understand", he said "that after long years of fairly constant growth, we now have to accept a measure of restraint. That restraint

should be shared by every body.

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## Fittleton CO reprimanded on one charge

Lieutenant-Commander Peter Paget, who was commanding the minesweeper Fittleton last September when it sank in the North Sea, with the loss of 12 lives, was yesterday sentenced to be reprimanded. He had been found guilty of new charge of negligence in conof one charge of negligence in counexion with the collision that caused the disaster. A court martial at Portsmouth found him not guilty of three

## EEC vote dilemma

The Cabinet failed to resolve its dilemma over what to do about its commitment to hold direct elections for the European Parliament next year.

Ministers promised a White Paper 2

## U S foreign aid cut over human rights

The Carter Administration is cutting aid to Argentina, Uruguay and Ethiopia because of human rights violations in those countries. Mr Vance, Secretary of State, told a Senate committee. Aid to South Korea and other strategic allies will not be cut Page 4

## Hosenball appeal

Mr Mark Hosenball, an American jour-Mr Mark Hosenball, an American jour-nalist, was given leave to appeal to the Queen's Eench Divisional Court against the decision of Mr Rees. Home Secre-tary, to deport him. Mr Philip Agee, a former CIA agent, may also apply to the High Court Page 3 Home News 2, 3 Enropean News 3 Overseas News 4 Appointments 14 Bridge 11 Ensiness 15-19 Chess 11 Court Crossword Engagements Yeathres Gardening Law Report Letters

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#### White Paper on public expenditure

## Protection of benefits against inflation to be continued

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent The Government has used the new White Paper on public expenditure to announce two important social policy deci-

security benefits against inflation. Secondly, it will make more money available for health and social services if overtaken and may even reach population projections, particu- the level planned for the next larly over elderly people and year. That has been caused by

children, prove correct.
The decision on social security comes after mounting pressure to stop short-term benefits, particularly unemployment benefit, rising in line with in-flation. MPs have argued that For each wage earners who have no from capital to current expendsimilar protection under the iture and £9m from 1979-80

pay policy.

But benefits were at a low level compared with wages unemployed family with two children under five would still-be entitled to benefit of less than two thirds of the average

wage. The White Paper makes it clear that the Government has not been swayed by arguments about the relative spending power of people in and out of work. The projection of the cost of the social security budget until 1980-81 is based on the assumption that bens fits will continue to rise in

line with inflation. The White Paper says that the rates of benefit will in-crease in the light of the Government's commitment to raisbenefits in line with prices or earnings, whichever rise most, and the main shortterm benefits in line with

The commitment, embodied in the Social Security Act, 1975, is intended to preserve the value of short-term benefirs and allow pensions and other long-term benefits to grow in real terms. Unlike tries in 1976-77 and 1977-78 social security, health and show the dominant dependence

in pay, Liberals say

The third phase of incomes

policy for the United Kingdom

should allow no overall in-creases at all. Mr John Pardoe,

Liberal Treesury spokesman, and last night in the Isle of Wight. "The norm is nowt",

he said, summing up his thesis.

Anyone, he said, who was

truthful about Britain's state.

ther than partisan, knew that

the British economy had been

in decline for a long time and

that no one government had a monopoly of blame. Neverthe-

less, he saw a danger that the

only kind of Rudset that would persuade the TUC to nesotiate a pay notice would "be an irresponsible Rudset".

Mr David Steel, the Liberal

Party leader, asked in Stech-

ford, Birmingham, whether it was worth saving the Labour Porty, which between 1964 and

1974 lost its way. In fulfilling Sir Harold Wilson's desire to

become the party of govern-ment the price had been paid of loss of principle.

Labour Party as a rump of Marxists and state socialists. He

called for a break-out from the

setting in motion the political upheaval which Britain so

clearly needs".

In Bristol last night Mr
Whitelaw, Conservative deputy
leader, associated himself
firmly with the Conservative

backbench motion calling for

a new police pay settlement.
Mr Whitelaw, the shadow
Home Secretary, said that the
Government must face the fact

that a number of branches of

the Police Federation had voted in favour of getting the right

to strike and the proposal would certainly be debated at

the federation conference in

May. "The Government", he said, "should ponder very seri-

pusly what these moves might

would never be looked on in the same light again; their whole standing and effectiveness

Granted a strike, the police

stalemate of British politics "

Mr Steel bleakly saw the

By Our Political Staff

irresponsible Budget ".

First, it will not bow to pres-sure to stop protecting social needed if standards are to be grammes are each reduced by

The limit on personal social financial year. services for 1976-77 has been unavoidable increases in costs of residential and day care ser-

For each of the next two years £6m will be transferred onwards. That will give a small margin for increased current expenditure next year, but it will also mean that fewer new residential and day care pro-pects can be built. That in turn will reduce the future running costs caused by capital pro-

The Government is waiting for new population projections to be made available this autumn before deciding firm plans for the health services. Present projections predict an upturn in the birth rate, which has been falling since the mid-

#### Transport

By Michael Hatfield

Cabinet ministers, faced with

an early government commit-ment to its European partners

to hold direct elections for the

European Parliament next year,

failed to agree at a meeting

yesterday how to resolve the party political dilemma in-volved.

In crude political terms

there are those in the Cabinet

who maintain their deep-felt

opposition to Britain's member-

hip of the European Com-

munity and who will never be satisfied with any solution

agreed in Cabinet, and there

are the pragmatists who are scarching for a way of meeting the commitment without creat-

The Prime Minister is among

the latter group, although he contemplates with some appre-

Police appeal for

killing of student
By a Staff Reporter

Detectives hunting the killer

of a coloured student who was

a chance encounter and that

The man, aged 21, from Cameroun, West Africa, was shot in the chest after he had

been involved in an argument

with two white men outside a restaurant near Paddington

tration.

The two men disappeared into

an underground station and

may have escaped through another exit. The student died

in hospital.
Police have appealed for wit-

nesses. The description they

have of the two men is that

one was aged about 18 and the other 20 to 21. The student was more than 6ft 4in tall and

for the coming year.

The Consumers' Association called for severe restraint on

support prices, coupled with drastic reform of the EEC farm policy. The larest proposals for Britain from the European Com-mission entail increases in food

prices from two sources. There

would be higher support prices

and a devaluation of the "green pound".

Other increases will be in-escapable as Britain's prices rise during the year to full EEC

proposed by the Commission are intolerable and unnecessary".

the association said.
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"The extra increases

witnesses to

The figures for transport expenditure are almost wholly tentative, since a separate tran-sport White Paper is expected in May, based on the policy review published last year (our Planning Reporter writes). That is expected to give a much clearer idea of the likely future balance between investment in roads and in public transport, and the Govern-ment's attitude to subsidies, particularly to British Rail. The tables of capital expendi-ture by the nationalized indus-tries in 1976-77 and 1977-78

been subject to precise limits grants. In addition, about on growth of expenditure. £300m is provisionally allo-

grammes are each reduced by about £100m in the coming

#### Education

There will be no increase in the total number of academic staff employed in universities, vices, but the Government is further education institutions taking steps to prevent that and teacher training colleges from distorting expenditure in the next financial year, according to figures on educa-tion expenditure published in the White Paper (David Dickson writes).

The higher and further education sector will also be required to make more intensire use of other resources. of and will be subject to continusevere restrictions on Capital expenditure.

Nor does the further outlank

seem much brighter. The White Paper estimates that current and capital expenditure on higher and further education will increase to £2.118m by 1980-81. an increase of only 3.7 per cent on the figure of £2,041m for 1976-77. Total expenditure for 1977-78 will be £1,990m, a decrease of 2.5 per cent on the figure for the present year. The reduc-

will be 1 per cent, and in capital expenditure 19.4 per The White Paper says that pupil numbers in primary and secondary schools are expected to fall by nearly 700,000 between 1976 and 1981, and that the decline in primary numbers already under way

Secondary pupil numbers are expected to fall after reaching a peak in 1978-79. However, the rising trend for pupils roluntarily to pursue their education beyond the minimum leaving age, which is increasing more rapidly then pre-

meeting the authorized version

was that the Cabinet had re-affirmed its "best endeavours"

to meet the election target date of May or June, 1978. The Cabinet also decided to publish a "White Paper with Green

edges" within the next few

weeks setting out the Govern-

come in further Cabinet com-

mittee meetings is what sort of

electoral system the Govern-ment should adopt or propose for elections to the European

Parliament. Every method has

its snares for the Labour Party.

Among the proposals con-sidered yesterday was the "list system", foreign to British procedures but dominant in

Europe. It would have the ad-

vantage for the Government of

ensuring Labour representation

in Europe, but would be based

The difficulty to be over-

No increase | Cabinet fails to resolve EEC vote dilemma

will accelerate.

Capital expenditure on school building will continue on growth of expenditure.

The decision to allow them more money if necessary has been taken because it is clear that some costs will rise inevals.

Short-term cuts fall mainly, the movement of population as expected, on road building and should make possible and should make possible modest programmes for the construction of special schools and for the repair of very poor

> In England and Wales provision has been made for staffing sufficient to maintain 1976-77 standards and from 1976standards, and from 1977-78 for the gradual expansion of in-service training and beginning of induction training for

#### newly trained teachers. Law and order

A decline in the conditions of prison life and the state of prison establishments is foreshadowed. Based on the assumpshadowed. Based on the assumption that the prison population of England, Wales and Scotland will be 48,100 by 1980-81, the forecast provides for the completion of present prison projects, producing 4.750 more places (Marcel Berlins writes).

From 1977-78 however. From 1977-78, however, capital expenditure will decline sharply, from £41m in 1977-78 to £20m in 1980-81.

Probation and after-care services will also suffer. Although some increase in staff and extension of projects such as community service schemes are envisaged, the rate of growth will be much smaller than forecast last year. Probation and bail hostels, and day train ing schemes, are among other

In one of its few optimistic

passages, the White Paper shows that police recruitment has grown faster than was expected. The revised forecast for police strength in March, 1980, is more than 127,000, an increase of nearly 3.000 over the figure estimated in a White Paper last year, although still below the authorized establishment of 130.150. Civilian staff, including traffic wardens, will, however. be reduced from about 49,000 to 42,000 in 1980.

rional representation is possi-

once the principle has been

adopted there would be no way of objecting legitimately to a

Whatever the Government

finally devises as being accept-

able to the majority in the Com-mons, one of the main considerations among Cabinet

ministers is that it may not be

able to command the whole-

hearted support of Labour back-benchers and will therefore.

have to rely on the votes of

the Conservative Party in the

There are serious doubts

elections

among politicians whether the

Government will be able to get the direct elections Bill

through Parliament in time to

meet next year's target date.
A "White Paper with Green

edges," is a clear indication

division lobbies.

the Westminster Parliament.

construction will be completed, but from 1977-78 only essential minor works will be approved. In 1980-81 a very small resumption of new work may be possible. Because of the increased expenditure on higher courts necessitated by the rise in both civil and criminal cases, approved building, programmes will have to be postponed.

#### Housing

The most striking feature of the projected housing expenditure for the next two years is a sharp decline in local auth-ority investment (more than 16 per cent), and an increase in subsidies of more than 10 per cent (John Young writes).

The figures would appear to confirm the widely expressed view that the rising burden of subsidies is seriously eating into the resources available for new construction and renovation. Projections for new council house building, for example, drop from \$1.293m in 1976-77 to \$1,036m in 1978-79.

The official explanation is that local authorities were found to be heavily overspending on building programmes in the middle of last year, and that the latest figures merely represent the tightening of controls announced in July.

Housing construction areas of acute stress, mainly in the larger cities, will not be restricted, it is emphasized. although councils elsewhere may find it generally more difficult to obtain government loan sanction.

The White Paper points out that the higher figure for sub-sidies is mainly because of prospective increases in loan charges, which represent on average about two thirds of total revenue expenditure. It also suggests that the convinuing sharp reduction in local authority mortgage lending (£116m in 1977-78, compared with £737m in 1974-75) will be

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, the

minister responsible for pro-ducing the White Paper, said

last night in Aberian that the

measure was of "major consti-

tutional importance". He added: "We need to know

what we are doing before we

embark upon such an important

that, but after yesterday's Cabi-

net meeting he is conscious of

the fact that he has to recon-

cile a wide divergence of views

and reach a position that will not only satisfy his ministerial

colleagues but also meet with

majority support on the Govern-

Mr Callaghan said some time

ment's intention to win parlia-

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ter wants is to have to court

the Conservatives to ensure the

Warning for Britain, page 3

Leading article, page 13

was the (

He would not elaborate on

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ment back benches.

ing societies. From 1979 onwards the Government expects a .ise in housing investment, but no details are provided partly

because councils have been promised a single capital allocation, with freedom to determine spending priorities. End partly because the future pattern of expenditure is likely to be determined by the outcome of the Government's housing

#### The arts

reduction than £2m in spending on the arts over the next two years, forecast in last year's expenditure White Paper, has been averted. Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, minister respon-sible for the arts, announced yesterday (Kenneth Gosling WTITES ).

Had the cuts been made, he said, it would have meant the closure of one of the main arts institutions or something very near it. As it is, in spite of "some

pretty savage cuts in capital expenditure". the present level of spending will be maintained to take account of inflation. That means that Arts Council grants, to be probably go up by something like 55m for 127-78, lifting

the total to about £42m. Projected expenditure on museums and galleries, set out in volume two of the Govern-ment's expenditure plans, shows a small built-in increase. but Lord Donaldson explained that the three capital expand-iture cuts made in the past year were accepted as a matter

of policy.

It would be possible in 197778 to finish the extension to
the Tate Gallery, the building of new galleries at the British Museum and Science Museum. representing a 56m investment and to start work on the exten-sion of the Victoria and Albert Museum £1,500,000. at a cost

Campaign

By Christopher Warman

Local Government

Correspondent

council polls

Under the banner, "Cam-

paigning for victory", the Con-

servative Party today launches its main attack simed at the

ocal government elections on

May 5. Mr Heselrine, Opposition

spokesman on the environment,

has started the campaign in

Durham, the one county the

party failed to capture in 1967.

but the annual local govern-ment conference in London

marks an increasing impenis.

with keynote speeches from Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the

Opposition, and from Mr Heseltine.

the party's pledge to abolish domestic rates, which is bound to be popular with electors as they face rate rises close to the

national average of 15 per cent

forecast by Mr Shore, Secretary

He is expected to emphasize

starts for

## a satire' Mr Paul Foot, former editor of the Socialist Worker, said in

the High Court yesterday that a newspaper article about Mr Clive Jenkins and his union's cheap Spanish holidays for members was "a weapon of

Mr Fort said that the article, published in Socialist Worker

secretary, and the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS). The action is against Mr Foot, Socialist Worker Printers and Publishers Ltd, and S. W. Litho Printers Ltd, all of Berhoal Green, London.

claim that the article implied that they condoned and approved of General Franco's fascist regime.

They claim that the article was comment written without

The bearing continues Monday.

#### Correction

YKK fasteners, described in the Special Report on Runcorn, is not the "only wholly owned Japanese company in Britain". It is one of

# Commander guilty of only one charge

Fittleton, which sank last disaster. He said The lives after colliding with the frigate Mermeld in the last of 12 lives after colliding with the frigate Mermeld in the last of 12 lives after colliding with the frigate Mermeld in the last of 12 lives after colliding with the frigate Mermeld in the last of 12 lives after colliding with the last of 12 lives after collidary with the last of 12 lives after col frigate Mermaid in the North Sea, was last night found guilty of one charge of negligence. He was sentenced to be repri-manded, the lightest penalty

A court martial at Portsmouth found Commander Paget, aged 44, not guilty of three other charges of negligence, including the most serious one of allowing his ship to be lost. Commander Paget, who works

possible.

in a London shipping office, was found guilty of hazarding his ship due to his negligence in failing to reduce speed drastically and then alter away in small steps to extricate the Fittleton from a dangerous position close alongside the Mer-

After the hearing, whose find-ings have to be confirmed, Commander Paget said that he would continue to serve in the Royal Naval Reserve. "It is, and

Lieutenant-Commander Peter that was set up for the beilt Paget, the Royal Naval Reserve of the six widows and commander of the minesweeper probans of the minesweeper The court martial had ?

evidence in mitigation b deciding its sentence. His manding officer, Ca Rodney Fancourt, RNR Commander Paget had be commanding officer for 1 and a half years before collision. A month befor he had been commended by Admiralty for the way he controlled a seven-vessel se for a yacht that had been

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down at sea. The loss of the Fittleton the worst naval reserve dis since the war. Last night Ministry of Defence said evidence given to any r martial was invariably stn for its broader implications

During the hearing, the parison was made between standards expected of reser and their full-time naval leagues. Reservists and general shore training and attached to a ship for two we always has been a great part of my life", he said.

And he added that he would continue to support the fund

## Article on union chief

A number of the union's members had been angered at the decision to provide holidays in Spain, Mr Foor said, "We also were angry that a British trade union should encourage holidays to Spain and that Clive Jenkins and his union were, in our opinion, offering comfort to the Franco regime.

on Tebruary 15, 1975, under the heading "Spain, Fly Me, I'm Clive" was "a satire, skit, lampoon, parody or spoof".

No one reading the article would believe that Clive had become an air bostess and a courier around General Franco's prisons, or that he could take a sadistic and ghoulish pleasure in watching the garrotting of Spanish socialists", he added.

He was giving evidence in defence to a libel action brought by Mr Jenkins, general

Mr Jenkins and the union

The defendants deny libel.

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## 'Confidence broken' on fraud letter

By Our Social Services

Mr Iain Sproat Conse-tive MP for Aberdeen, So told his constituency party night that the Government "sunk to a new low in the diricks department" by show The Times confidential len on social security abuse that had forwarded for invest.

Mr Orme Minister
Social Security, had brol
confidence in a way totally c trary to accepted parliam tary practice, Mr Sproat st It was an arrogant abuse by the bureaucracy of the rights of backbench MP.

"More important, it is

abuse of ordinary men a women who have the consti-tional right to expect that cl servants and ministers shot respect their confidence."
"It is ironic that I was to

early in my campaign to stap out abuse that I as an M could not discuss such mane with civil servants because the were prohibited under it Official Secrets Act."

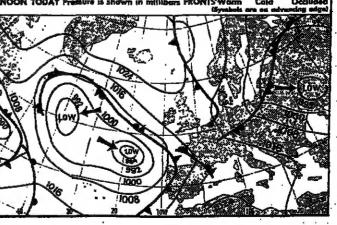
A selection of the letters for warded by Mr. Sproat we shown to me during the sale week. All had corresponded names and addresses remove by Mr. Sproat before he settlement of the correspondent to the correspondent of the second secon them to Mr Orme. The arm that subsequently appeared not identify any people whom suspicion was three most of whom investigation showed, were not abusing soci

#### Strike will affect sport on TV

BBC outside broadcast tele sion cameramen based in Lo don have been instructed strike today between 2 pm at

Strike today setween 2 pm as
5:30 pm. Some of the spor
coverage for Grandstand
BBC 1 will be affected.
The action which has be
called for by the Association
Broadcasting and Allied Staff

## is over a grading claim and w involve about fifty camerams most of whom are based a Chianna Roma



Tomorrow Moon sets: Moon rises: 1.36 am 10.38 am Foli moon : March 5. Full moon: March 5.
Lighting up: 6.7 pm to 6.18 am.
High water; London Bridge, 7.51
am, 5.7m (18.7ft); 8.23 pm, 5.6m
(18.4ft). Avonmouth, 12.3 am,
9.7m (31.7ft); 12.41 pm, 9.4m
(30.7ft). Dover, 5.0 am, 5.1m
(16.8ft); 5.52 pm, 5.0m (16.3ft).
Hull, 12.11 pm, 5.4m (17.7ft).
Liverpool, 5.6 am, 7.0m (23.0ft);
5.46 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft).

An anticyclone will persist near Iceland with an intensifying ridge extending SE across Britain. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight. London, Central S England:

Rain or sleer in places early, hecoming brighter and mainly dry : wind N. light : max temp 5°C

wintry showers near E coast, wind N. light or moderate: Max temp 4" or 5°C (39° to 41°F),

burgh, Dundee : Sunny intervals, occasional wintry showers, malnly near E coast; wind N, light; Max temp 4°C (39°F). Channel Islands: rain, becoming brighter; wind NE, light; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Midiands. Central N England:

Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind

N light; Max temp 5°C (41°F).

E. NE England, Borders, Edin-

SW England, S Wales: Dry. bright or sumy periods after carly fog patches: wind £, light; max temp 6° to 8°C (43° to 46°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;



Sun sets.:

Outlook for tomorrow and Mo day: Mainly dry with snmy inte vals, a few wintry showers over Britain, rain or sleet spreading, SW; rather cold; night from 

smooth.
St. George's Channel: Wind Si
moderate; sea slight.
Irish Sea: Wind E or NE, light
to moderate; sea slight.

esterday

London: Temp., max. 6 and 10 6 pm, 9°C (48°F); min, 6 pr 10 6 am, 6°C (48°F). Hundelt 10 6 pm, 71 per cent. Rain; 248 di 10 6 pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea leve 10 pm, 1,011.9 millibars, ricing 1,000 millibars = 29.33in.



## Consumers call for food price restraint by EEC By Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent consumer consultative commit-tee will meet on Monday to de-cide on its approach to the imminent fixing of farm prices

would be reduced.

Sales of cut-price EEC butter to the Middle East and Russia showed that the Community dis-criminated against its own consumers, the Consumers' Asso-ciation said yesterday. Brussels was selling butter outside the EEC for less than a third of the British shop price but it wanted to raise the British price by a third this year by increasing farm support prices for milk. Dr William Roberts, head of the public affairs unit of the association, said: "Let national governments support their own farmers more. If you want to support farmers do not do it through a food tax."

He was speaking before leaving for Brussels, where the EEC

Effect on British food prices of proposed EEC changes in farm support. 11b butter
11b cheese
1 large sliced lost
31b bag flour
1kg bag sugar Actual prices will be higher because interest, processing and distribution.

Sources: Department of Employment, Consumers' Association.

#### that the Government wants the widest possible consultation. hension the prospect of another on party patronage and would therefore meet strong object widest possible consultation, tions in the present party and it clearly throws doubts constitutional Bill after seeing the disestrous consequences flowing from the commitment tions in the on the Government's announced "best endeavours". Again, some form of propor-

A survey of the state of social research into broadcasting in Britain has disclosed a shot outside a London railway station on Thursday night be-lieve that he was the victim of "gnawing anxiety" among broadcasters about their responsibility for the alleged adverse effect of broadcastthere was no motive for his

ing's casual language on speech and thought and the possible encouragement of emotionality, as opposed to rationality, in the making of political judgments. Professor Elihu Katz, Pro-

fessor of Sociology and director of the Communications Institute at the Hebrew University of lerusalem, cave the results of his survey in a BBC lunch-time lecture vesterday. The survey was made at the invitation of the BBC and took 15 months.

He said that the broadcasters with whom he spoke wondered if broadcasting was vulgarizing the institutions of their society

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age of live births.

the number of abortions had

declined since 1974 by 8 per

cent and that last year there

were 100,000 abortions per-

formed on women living in

England and Wales, but abor-

tions were rising as a percent-

Even if a quarter of what he

had been told about abuse in

the private sector was true,

there was still a great deal to

The debate was herce on both

It was difficult to follow the

reasoning of Mrs Renée Short, Labour MP for Wolverhampton,

North-east, when she spoke with much approval of the letter from 1,200 doctors to the

Prime Minister protesting against the Bill but dismissed

scornfully as "phoney public opinion" the petition from 10,000 people in the medical

profession who said that the Bill did not go far enough to

"I suppose it is easy to get 10,000 Catholic nurses and

doctors to sign a petition", she

control abuses.

Second reading for Bill to

reform abortion law

'Adverse effect' of their work worries broadcasters

Procedures for monitoring sensitive areas, such as politics, industry, race, and sexual matters, might provide a bulwark against the charge of bias, he "The power of broadcasting

is never greater than in a cli-mate of the decline of authority. Some broadcasters fear that this climate breeds an over concern with playing safe"; others feared that it might breed too much licence.
But all were agreed, he said,
that only the rules—the institutional arrangements of a democratic society on the one hand, and the professional rules

of broadcasting on the other-could safeguard broadcasting "There is a growing awareness", he added, "that broadcasting has lost touch with the widening spectrum of social views and values, and that many voices go unheard".

said. The Bill was based on an

unbalanced select committee

composed of members opposed

for Essex South-East, agreed that the 1967 Act had reduced

suffering, but he said the scan-dal of illegal abortions had not

ended. Fortunes had been made by unscrupulous operators

and the present arrangements

discriminated against the poor.

Earlier Mr Moyle had accepted that an issue important to the sponsors of the Bill

was the time after which an

abortion should not be allowed to a particular woman. The number of abortions carried out

after the twentieth week of

pregnancy was less than 1 per

cent of all abortions, and less

than a fifth of that number

were performed after 24 weeks. The case for legislation there-

fore was not urgent.

A move by the Bill's opponents to have the measure

sent to a committee of the whole House instead of to a smaller

standing committee was rejected by 137 votes to 109, a majority

Pacliamentary Report, page 20

against the motion of 28.

Sir Bernard Braine, Tory MP

to the original Act.

## Tories claim 9pc swing in byelection poll

Bill's success.

The Conservative Party calculated a swing of 9.25 per cent in the by-election on Thursday when Mr Peter Brooke held the Cities of London and Westminster Sauth The security was the control of the contro ster, South. The result was:

C majority 7,965 General Election: C. S. Tugendhat (Cl. 14,350; P. J. Turner (Lab), 8,589; T. G. Underwood (L), 4,122; D. Baster (Nat Front), 686.

The Conservatives claimed a 3.25 per cent swing. The percentage poll was

89- 53.2 -14.2 Electorate 51,171 52,170 All candidates except Conservative and Labour lost their deposits.

## win control in Lever seat

Young Socialists have won control of the constituency the takeover would mean a left-wing coup against Mr Lever. The Young Socialists won the positions of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer and propaganda secretary at the annual meeting on Tuesday. Mr Lever, the Government's chief financial adviser, was unable to attend the meeting because a three-line whip meant he had to be in the

neant he had to be in the Commons for the devolution Bill debate.

#### of State for the Environment. The party has not yet announced its alternative, and supporters of the rating system if it is improved do not see how the rates, which will raise nearly £5,000m next year, can

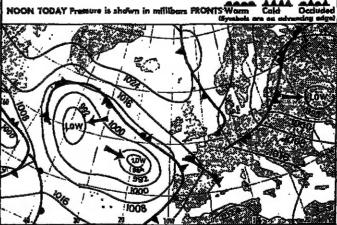
P. Brooke (C)	11,962
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	1,981
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M. Lobb (Nat Party)	364
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	306
Britain) W. Boakes (Air, Road,	
Public Safety)	61
R. Herbert (Christ,	41
Crown, Country)	47
W. Thompson (Christian	~,
Anti-Porn)	43
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C majority. 5.761.

## Young Socialists

Labour Party at Manchester, Central, the seat of Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. But they denied the takeover would mean a left-

## Weather forecast and recordings



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Patrol submarines of the 1st Submarine Squadron at HMS Dolphin, Gosport. In the foreground (from left) are the Oberon class boats, HMS Otus, HMS Oracle and HMS Ocelot.

## Boy aged six feared drowned as flooding affects homes and roads

A boy aged six was feared drowned after falling into the Ockbrook at Borrowash, in Derbyshire, one of the areas worst affected by fluoding yesterday.

Andrew Clements and his brother had been playing on a rope over the brook, which had flooded the village to a depth of between four and five feet overnight. By last night

it was receding. Hundreds of acres of land in the east and west Midlands was submerged yesterday under floodwater ofter nearly eighty hours of continuous rain and about ninety roads were asifected. The police said 25

were impassable. The blocked roads included the A 61 Derby-Chesterfield road, where there was three feet of water at one point, the A 50 Uttoxeter road and the A 33, south of Derby.

For the second time in a fortnight the village of Egginton, south of Derby, was cut off by flooding. Parther south extensive flooding affected Hereford, Worcester and Warwickshire.

Hundreds of salmon are swimming up the river Trent into Nottinghamshire and ing for their breeding rivers. It is one of the biggest run of salman seen in the river within plemory.

Floodwater caused damage reumated at \$100,000 to boats on the river Trent. Twelve craft were smashed, eight were sunk and others were swept away, the river authority reported yesterday. Ratcliffe on Soar, Notting-

hamshire, was reported cut off by floods.

Watnali, a small village near Nottingham, has had 180mm of rain this month, or about seven inches, the London Weather Centre said. The centre has a weather station at Watnall and records show it has had the wettest February since records began in

1941. Elmdon airport. Birming-bam, has had 134.5mm of rain, the wettest February there since records began in 1940. The weather centre said the reason was a belt of rain across

the Midlands which has re-mained virtually stationary for

their homes at Cross Gates, Leeds, when heavy cain opened up a 30ft diameter hole in the ground. The police said heavy rain had moved soil and a con crete cap sealing a 100-year-old ventilation shaft to a mine fell down the shaft.

Widespread flooding was reported in East Anglia, with thousands of acres of marsh and farmland under water.

In Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire and Wiltshire motorists faced another hazard, fog. In the North snow blocked many main roads and all routes telephones were out of order.

In London the Thames, with 120 times the amount of water rushing down it than at the height of last summer's drought, was still on the point of bursting its banks last night.

The Thames Water Authority said that its "red alert" was still on. Widespread flooding had not occurred because there mained virtually stationary for four days.

In Leicestershire hundreds of homes in the Loughborough and had been only 0.09in of rain since midnight on Thursday over the river's 5,000 square miles catchment area. The homes in the Loughborough and miles catchment area. The Multon Mowbray areas were river level was static but heavy Two families had to leave many places.

## Man 'watched wife take her life'

From Our Correspondent

Mr Charles Whiteley. former Birmingham University professor, shared special views with his wife about life and death, an inquest jury in Bir-mingham was told yesterday. She believed her life was her own to take and the professor, aged 65, zgreed that he would not prevent her committing

The jury was told that last November he watched as she snallowed a let all overcose of to blets, which she washed down with whisky, and then collapsed. Dr F. E. D. Griffiths, consultant pathologist, said it would have taken Mrs Winifred Whiteley, aged 63, of Tenbury Avenue, King's Heath, Birminghave ham, at least an hour to die.

new regulations were necessary to comply with EEC regulations.

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Mr Rooker said yesterday :

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However, the introduction of

the cash system had been source by the Government's fallure to tell the truth about

why tricycles were being phased our and because their drivers were left uncertain whether they would have a validation in forces.

The department said last

night that it was meeting

European safety regulations voluntarily, but the vehicle had

reached its design limits and could not be expected to meet

the increasingly strict inter-national regulations in the future. The vehicle has already

been modified to meet more stringent standards of the Department of the Environ-

vehicle in future.

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Professor Whiteley waited until she was dead before he tele-phoned to the family doctor, it wrs stated.

Mr Thomas Geoffrey Ayres, of Moseley. Birmingham, a friend of the couple, seid: "She had no religious convictions might say, was an encourage whatsoever. Over mony years she said her body was her responsibility. It did not belong Suicide Act to aid and abet." whatsoever. Over many years she said her body was her responsibility. It did not belong to God, in whom she did not helieve, or to the state, but only to berself."

Professor Whiteley was alleged to have told the police after reporting his wife's death: I made an agreement during the summer that if she wanted to take her own life I wanted to be there and I would not stop ber. She mid me this morning that she wanted to take her life. I did nothing to stop her."

Mr Whiteley, joint author with his wife of such books as Sex and Morals and Permissive Morality, told the jury: "I did nothing. I could have done if I The coroner said : " This, you

If the jury considered the professor to have been sufficiently negligent to warrant a verdict of manslaughter he would have to be committed for trial.

The jury returned a verdict that Airs Whiteley killed her-Reeves said earlier that papers on the case had been submitted to the Director of Public Prose-

## Two Danish trawler skippers to

pay £22,000

Two Danish trawler skippers who were caught fishing inside Britain's 12-mile limit were fined a total of £22,000 and ordered to forfieit their catch, worth about £12,000, by magistrates in Plymouth yesterday.

The court was told that the skippers blundered because they were unaware that the Eddystone Rock, technically an island, 10 miles off the Devon coast, marked the official beginning of the 12-mile zone. It was not until they were

It was not until they were boarded by officers from the Royal Navy minesweeper Cuxton just over eight miles to seaward of Eddystone that they realized they were "poaching"

ing ...
Gustav Loth, aged 36, of the
Bente Loth, and Jorn Andersen,
aged 30, of the Singo, both
admitted contravening the Sea Fishery Limits Act, 1976.

Mr Loth, who had a previous conviction for breaking the 12-mile limit, off Redcar in 1971, when he was fined £500, was fined £12,000. Mr Andersen was fined £10,000, and each man had to page £70 energy.

The Ministry of Agriculture

Mr Collins said that since the 1976 Acr came into force EEC countries were given some pre-ference in fishing. But in some areas there was a 12-mile limit for the exclusive use of British fishermen. After bitter com-plaints by local boats, the Cuxton found the 120ft Danish

the magazine, calling for finan-cial support, he claimed that the press was being handed over to the "powers of money". And that pluralism of information vessels trawling.
When the Bente Loth was boarded, he added, the skipper was found to have no charts whatsoever of the western part of the Channel. The navigation gear was useless and the radar

was not working.

"The skipper had no idea where he was", Mr Collins said. The other vessel had a very small-scale chart and it was impossible for the skipper to say precisely where he was. Between them the trawlers, which were escorted to Plymouth, had on board 350 tons

Mr Loth said after the case: "We are going to appeal. It was a big price to pay for a genuine mistake." He would have to sell his boat to pay the

## WEST EUROPE.

French print union gives way over technology

## New left-wing daily newspaper to appear in Paris on Tuesday

France. There was therefore the need—and the market—for a great left-wing daily news-

At any rate, he does not

halves. Six hundred thousand copies of the first number of Le Matin de Paris are being printed. Thanks both to contributions by Le Nouvei Observator, to the response of readers.

tem, to the response of readers, and to shareholders of the magazine who are "politically acceptable", he has got together

some 20m francs (£2.2m) which

he considers more than enough for a start. He reckons that the newspaper can break even with a circulation of 120,000, and would be doing very well with

magers, intellectuals, special-

ized workers, and the young, who find Le Monde boring, as

one of the assistant editors told

modern plant in Paris. One of its financial assets is that it

has been able to negotiate a

very favourable agreement with the all-powerful printers' union, affiliated to the communist-led CGI, which imposes a closed shop in Paris newspapers and

enforces gross overmanning. This is one of the sources of

the financial difficulties of the

Paris, the printers' union was given to understand that it had

to water down its pretensions or there would be no newspaper

at all. This marks a turning

point in the attitude of the

union, and the tacit acknowledg-

In the case of Le Matin de

press in general.

Its aim is to come closer to

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years old, continues to threaten

the delicate financial health of many of the 10 surviving Paris

newspapers. (There were three times as many at the time of the liberation.) In the past 12 months, it was the cause of seven strikes, a number of inci-

dents between its striking printers and the police, and of a substantial loss of advertising revenue. It has also had the

effect of increasing the disaf-

fection of readers with news-papers generally, for the bene-fit of radio and television.

In a letter to the readers of

was under sentence of death in

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 25
A new daily newspaper, Le
Matin de Paris will make its
first appearance on Tuesday.
At first sight, the background
and timing hardly seem favourable. The future of the press,
the Paris press at least, is these
days painted in the blackest of
colours. colours.

A whirlwind is sweeping through it, dismantling old newspaper strongholds like the

Prouvost and Hachette groups, and thrusting new ones to the top, like the Hersant empire. Such pillars of the press as Le Figuro, France-Soir and Paris-Match, have changed hands just hike any available commercial like any ordinary commercial undertaking, with little or no consultation with their staff.

The unsertled conflict at Le Parisien Libéré, hearly two

had to pay £70 costs.

Air Miles Clarke, chairman, ordered that both skippers' catches should be forfeited and sold. He said: "Although this

is one of the early cases under the 1976 Act, it must be clearly understood that fishing agree-ments between EEC countries must be upheld and enforced. We view with concern that these vessels arrived so ill-equipped, and arresponsibility of this kind will not be tolerated."

fit of radio and television.

To launch a new newspaper ou such storm-tossed waters therefore seems a very reckless undertaking. Yet M Claude Perdriel, the editor-inchief of Le Main de Paris, is no wide-eyed amateur with his head in the clouds. A highly successful businessman graduand Fisheries, through Mr Rilary Collins, had asked the bench to impose the maximum penalties, a £50,000 fine and confiscation of both gear and successful businessman, graduated from the Ecole Polytechnique, he acquired the ailing independent left-wing news magazine Le Nouvel Observateur, and in just over 10 years, turned it into a highly successful undertaking, with a circulation of about 300,000.

of pilchards and mackerel, worth at least £12,000.

The magistrates ruled that unless the fines within seven days they would issue a distress warrant against the trawlers. Meanwhile the vessels were to be detained in Plymouth.

## Britain given warning on European election delay

By Our Political Editor Candid comments on the that he was not volunteering British Government's attitude judgments, but merely replying towards direct elections to the European Parliament came He said that because of the

ment, in London yesterday,
At the end of a wisit during a uniform system of election to which he has seen the Queen Mother, the Foreign Secretary, the Speaker of the House of M Spenale was replying to a Commons and members of the Westminster delegation to the Spenale left no doubt that the eight other EEC countries expect Britain to be as good as Mr Callaghan's word and to ensure comprehensive direct elections in May or June of

next year.

Speaking while the Cabinet was meeting at 10 Downing Street to settle policy on direct elections, M Spenale said: "Personally I would find it rather uppleasant to ask the eight to take their pace from the one country that falls behind schedule."

He did not think it realistic to

He did not think it realistic to postpone direct elections. Nevertheless, he conceded that

"we are starting from geo-political, constitutional, and structural laws that make it very difficult".

· M Spenale expressly asked

European Parliament came
from M Georges Spenale, the
French president of the Parliastates it was impossible even
now to imagine that in two years
of election to

question as to whether the other eight could proceed if Britain failed to meet its commitment. He also made the point that in a European parliamentary election EEC nationals living in a Community country other allowed to vote, and he argued that there was no reason why a French candidate should not stand in Britzin for his party

proup, or a Briton in France, because of the system of party groupings in the European Parliament. Asked what the reaction of

the rest of the EEC would be if Britain failed to fulfil the timetable, M Spenale replied:
"It would be most unpleasant for everyone-for those who did everything they could do in time, and for the United Kingdom which would be responsible Leading article, page 13 and Trafoi.

ment that it can no longer set its face against the new tech-nology, and refuse any adjust-ment of working procedures which were laid down in 1925. The new technology is making rapid progress in the provinces, where 20 newspapers have al-ready adapted offset composition, and others are about to follow suit.

While the provincial press-financially at least—has been going from strength to strength thanks to reorganization, concentration, modernization of production, and a virtual monopoly of readers in each region, the Paris press has been through a severe crisis, which would be doing very well with 200,000.

It will be a 32-page tabloid, reminiscent of some of the more successful weeklies, with a single photograph on the front page. It is "popular" in layout, and in style, but serious in content rather after the pattern of the defunct Lisbon Republica, appealing to middle managers, intellectuals, specials not yet over. Some experts consider that there is a viable market for only two morning and two evening newspapers in Paris. But the future is not as bleak as it appears. In fact, two other daily newspapers are being planned.

One is to be an economic daily, which M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, the chief proprietor of the weekly news magazine L'Express intends to launch sometime in the autumn together with Sir James Gold-

The other is to be a conserv tive evening newspaper which M Joseph Fontanet, a former Centralist minister, is planning with the financial support of several banks and of a superthe British concept of a newspaper, give up abstract treat-ment of news, and deal with it in a more concrete fashion, separating fact from comment. The newspaper is produced in offset on six columns from what it claims is the most market group, for about the

The new economic news-paper would be partly financed by Sir James Goldsmith's purchase of some 40 per cent of the shares of the L'Express group. Negotiations are well advanced and the French Government has given its approval. Sir James has both French and British nationality. He would take an active part, with M Servan-Schreiber, in running the newspaper.

M Servan-Schreiber is known to consider the launching of this newspaper as a political act support for the Governmen explaining its economic objectives. He is thinking of an illustrated business tabloid with a circulation of about 100,000.

## Spain considers extension

of police powers From Our Correspondent Madrid, Feb 25

The Spanish Cabinet met today to consider extending the special emergency powers of the police for another month. Since January 31 the police have been authorized to search and selze without warrant and to hold prisoners for up to 10 days without charge in cases of suspected terrorism. These powers, granted to help the police in the search for terrorists, will expire in a few days

A magistrate today ordered Señor Mariano Sánchez Covisa, leader of the right-wing Warriors for Christ the King, to be held at Carabanchel prison pending trial in connexion with the illegal manufacture of arms at the secret factory discovered earlier this week in a flat owned by unsus-

#### Italian avalanche kills tourists in car

Bolzano, Italy, Feb 25.-Four day when their car was buried beneath one of five avalanches that struck a mountain pass highway near here and isolated the villages of Solda, Gomogoi

#### 600 escape from Italian jails in 14 months From Our Own Correspondent

Official figures show that there were 510 escapes from prison in Italy last year. This means that one prisoner in This year so far 90 escapes have been listed.
Signor Renaro dell'Andro, the Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Justice responsible

for prisons, after quoting the figures blamed bureaucratic difficulties for the failure to build new and more secure He implied in an interview

that the Ministry of Defence had blocked an idea to rela-force the prison guards with volunteers from the Army. A prisoner serving a sentence for having killed an antiquarian

at Riccione with the aim of rob-bing him, shot his wife and her lover on Wednesday night while

#### Non-political newcomers in changed Danish Cabinet From Our Correspondent

Copenhagen, Feb 25

Mr Anker Joergensen, the Danish Prime Minister, announced Cabinet changes to-day. The general election 10 days ago increased the Social Democratic Government's base in the Folketing and gave the parties supporting the Government's incomes policy and capacity of the parties of the Policy and incomes policy majority.

The new government is still a Social Democratic minority administration. It includes two non-political newcomers.

Mr Ove Hove, an architect and head of the Danish Build-ing Centre, becomes Minister of Housing. Miss Lise Oestergaard, a professor of psy-chology, has been appointed Minister without Portfolio. Mr Joergensen said that she would be in charge of foreign aid policies and would assist Mr Knud Andersen, the Foreign

Minister. Mr Andersen has been much criticized lately. Mr Jens Kampmann, a former Minister of the Environment, becomes Min's-ter of Taxation. Mr Kjeld Olesen, a former Defence Minister, and deputy chairman of the party takes over as Minister of Transport. The Cabinet is us follows: Prime Minister: Anker Joergensen Foreign Affairs: Knud Deorge Andersen

Finance: Knud Heinesen Economy: Per Hzekkerup Transport and Pablic Works: Kjuld Oleses

Trade: Ivar Noergaard
Interior: Egon Jensen
Welfare: Mrs Eva Gredd!
Taxallen: Jens Kampmann
Labour: Erling Jensen
Fisheries: Svend Jakobsea
Church and Greenland:
Joergen Peder Hansen
Education: Vits Ritt Pletregaard
Justice and Defence: Orla Moeiler
Agriculture: Poul Dalsger
Building: Ove Hore

Minister without Portfolio:
Miss Lise Oestergaard

## Belgium paralysed by first in series of one-day strikes

The centrepiece of today's action was the total shutdown of the national railway system.
Heavy traffic built up on roads into many hig towns during the rush this morning, but many people appeared to have stayed

news bulletins interspersed with recorded music. Spontaneous shop workers were also re-ported from Liège and Namur. provinces will go on strike on each of the next four Fridays. ending up with the Brussels region. The strategy will be

backed up by selective national stoppages of public services. Recent sharp increases in VAT on a wide range of consumer goods appear to have been the final straw for work-

## Malta farmers give chickens away in protest

to amazed shoppers here today, saying they could not afford to feed them.

About 500 farmers had marched into the Maltese capi-

tal to protest against the re-moval of government subsidies for animal fodder. They said fodder now cost so much they could not make a profit. Many of them carried baskets of eggs which they also gave away. Some threw eggs at the office of Mr Dom Mintoff, the Prime Minister.

serious incidents were reported. ers already disgruntled by high The Government has made in the timemployment and inflation clear during talks with the and increased social security breeders' union that it will not restore the subsidies.—Reuter.

#### action taken for two s on training plan' ted to the department in June, 1, of The Times

for teacher training s 500 further educa-ies and 30 polytecheen under considerathe Department of and Science for years and has not icted on it was dis-

erday. ort, prepared by the Committee on the and Training of nainrains that all new o further education from 1981 onwards required to have teacher training. It ined lecturers should train for a year in

ammittee chaired by Norman Haycocks secretary of the Uni-ouncil for the Educaeachers, drew up the which were submit- certificate of education.

ucation Supplement 1975. At a meeting of the supplement making new recomfor teacher training and Higher Education in Lonbecame possible.

Opportunities for training in service should be more generous for further education teachers than for those in schools because of the big backlag of untrained teachers, the need for subject updating, and channing manpower require-ments in industry, Professor

don vesterday he reported the denarment's lack of response. He said the proposals were intended to mark an interim stage in the development of teacher training in further education. They should remain velid guidelines when action

Haycochs said. In 1973 only a third of the 65.500 lecturers employed in polytechnics and colleges had undertaken full-time teacher training courses leading to a

#### Company fails to stop TV equal-pay film the impression that Britain's

By a Staff Reporter Electrolux Ltd failed yesterday to get an injunction in the high Court to prevent Granada
Television's showing a film of a
meeting on equal pay of 600
woman employees at the company's Luton factory.

The three-minute film is part of a half-hour World in Action programme which on Monday will examine the Equal Pay Act. 1970, which came into force 14 months ago.

The meeting, filmed by

Granuda last week, had been called at the end of a twoday strike in protest over the way the firm was implementing the provisions of the Act.
In November the Employment
Appeals Trihunal dismissed an appeal by Electrolux against a Bedford industrial tribunal's decision that Mrs Anne Hutch-inson and six other women assembly workers at the Luton

factory were entitled to equal

pay with men doing broadly similar work.

Mrs Hutchinson and all but one of the factory's 600 woman employees had been given the salary grade of 01, while male employees doing similar work were in the higher-paid grade Electrolux was thereafter obliged to pay the seven woman applicants at the same rate as applicants at the same rate as the men. But those women were immediately transferred to different jobs and their places taken by seven other women, all on the lower 01 grade rate. At least 122 cases by other F'actroliva woman employees are now before industrial tribunals, and a further 105 claims for equal pay have been made to the company. made to the company.

The Equal Opportunities

#### Commission announced last week that it is to carry out a formal investigation into conditions at the Luton factory. Bail for men on art theft charge

Bail of £32,000 was granted Manchester magistrates yesterday to two men accused of stealing a Japanese art col-lection valued at 5210,000 from Manchester Museum. John Kevin Kilrer, aged 38.

John Kevin Kilrer, aged 38.
a credit draper, of Wild Brow
Contage. Crossland Edge and
Regionald Gee, aged 33. a
general devier, of Greengare
Knell, South Crossland, both
Huddersfield, were remanded
until April 12 charged with
burglary and the theft of the
collection. collection.

## Automation 'could make libraries obsolete'

By Our Arts Reporter
The twin technologies of learning how to put up with life. The data-bases and on-line terautomation and telecommunica-tions could make the library as wo know it obsolete, Lord Eccles said yesterday.

"In my view", he said, "the technologies will revolutionize

beyond recognition one half of the library's work, and could disembowel the other half, unless we understand why and how we must intensify the tradinow we must intensity the tradi-tional methods of using a library for the study of literature." Lord Eccles, chairman of the British Library, who was open-ing the new library at the Uni-versity of St Andrews, said he was not suggesting a campaign against the use of computers;

mechanical storage and retrieval should be employed "for all they are worth".

"But suppose that you are also interested, as the Greeks worth and they are worth as the Greeks was also interested, as the Greeks was also interested. were, in understanding people, in achieving some order in your own thoughts or at least in

**Battle of Britain** 

pilots bones identified A group of amateur aircraft enthusiasts who recovered a wartime Hurricane from a wood at Bethersden, Kent, were con-gratulated by the Croydon coroner at an inquest yesterday on their research into the iden-tity of the dead pilot, who was reported missing, presumed dead, 37 years ago.

The coroner, Dr Mary McHugh, decided that the bones found in the plane, which was excavated from 22ft down, were Excavated from 22t down, were those of Sergeant Pilot Edward Egan, aged 19, of 501 Squadron, RAF Kenley, who was shot down in the Barile of Britain.

She recorded a verdict of death while on active service on death whose Sergeant Pilot Egan, whose sister was in court.

Mr Anthony Graves, of the John Tickner Recovery Group, North Cray, Kent, said that they had used Civil Defence and

Home Guard records to check on the sircraft and the pilot. Fines for supplying Radio Caroline

Lille, Feb 25.—Five French businessmen have been fined by a Lille court for supplying the North Sea pirate radio station. Radio Caroline, with food, linen and wine. The fines food, linen and wine. The fines bership from £9 to £10 a year ranged from 1,000 francs (£117) from April 1, ir was announced to 5,000 francs.—Reuter.

# selects and designs patterns which you cannot see at first hand because you are too entangled with reality. "This kind of knowledge is best pursued by handling books and manuscripts in your own time at your own pace." We were beginning to sober up from the orey of social

minals will not be of much help

"You will want to share the experience, recollected and ordered in their writings, of poets, dramatism, theologians, historians and novelists. Litera-

ture does not copy the world. It selects and designs patterns

up from the orgy of social statistics and technological discoveries. The unanswered question was whether academic duestion was whether academic libraries were going to put as much effort into rethinking their presentation of literature as they were bound to put into enlarging their computerized information services. "I am optimistic", he said.

## Decision later in case of widow's will

Mr Justice Walton reserved judgment yesterday in the High Court dispute over the last will of Mrs Violet Salmon, a colonel's widow, of Tewksbury, Gloucestershire,

Police Sergeant Kenneth Davies, of Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, is asking the judge to uphold the will made in August, 1973, three months before Mrs Salmon died, aged 80. Under that will be receives the bulk of her estate of \$200,000. The will is challenged by a distant cousin and four charities, all beneficiaries under a 1971 will. They claim that Mrs. Salmon was mentally unfit to make her last will in Sergeant

#### Jail dispute ends Prison officers at Leicester jail have called off their action in refusing to escort prisoners to court and supervise prison workshops.

Davies's favour.

AA fees raised The Automobile Association is to raise the cost of full mem-

# From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Feb 25 About 330,000 tailwaymen, private sector workers and em-

private sector workers and em-ployees of provincial and com-munal services went on strike In Belgium today in the first of a series of carefully planned 24-bour stoppages which Mr Tindemans, the Prime Minister, has deconvocad as a direct polihas denounced as a direct poli-tical challenge to his Govern-

State schools, shops, factories and pub! went-ices in the provinces care ust . Panders and

recorded music. Spontaneous sympathy strikes by factory and The plan is that two different

charges.

## Valletta, Feb 25.—Angry farmers gave away live chickens

Extra police were drafted into Valletta for the march, but no

## Zambia and Mozambique leaders call for intensified guerrilla war against Rhodesia

Lusaka, Feb 25
President Kawada of Zambia
and President Machel of Mozambique ended two days of commanders for refusing to go enough. talks in a Zambian game park to a training camp near here. today with a call for an inten-sification of the guerrilla was

against Rhodesia. A brief statement afterwards provided little indication as to the content of the talks which were expected to review plans to unity the two guerrilla place.
This groups, Zapu and Zanu, which are fighting in Rhodesia.

The statement said the two presidents noted that the situation was "ripe for an intensifi-cation of the armed struggle against the Smith regime". In clear reference to the Rhodesian Government's latest package of race reforms, it describ-ed the action as "tantamount to the last kicks of a dying

horse".

Zambia and Mozambique are two of the "front line" states sharing a common border with Rhodesia and are now backing the Patriotic Front led by Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe. The Zapu forces are hased in Zambia and the Zanu forces in Mozambique. forces in Mozambique. As expected, the talks, the

second in a proposed series of bilateral contacts, also dealt with the construction of roads and other forms of communication between the two coun-

tries.

Meanwhlle, in Lusaka, a However, some of the ing, spokesman for Zapu decied reforms, particularly the open-healt reports that 15 boys, part of ing up of white agricultural roll.

From Our Correspondent

South African troops have

in the western Caprivi Strip area of the South-West Africa

(Namibia) battle zone, Defence headquarters claimed in Pretoria today.

South African servicemen were

wounded in the clash. It described a claim by the South West African People's Organiza-tion (Swapo) earlier this week that its guerrillas had killed 25

South Africans in a battle in

In a separate appouncement

the headquarters said Lieutenthe headquarters headq

likely his reconnaissance air-

According to the Pretoria

Capriri, Swapo guerrilles met a South African patrol about five miles inside South-West

British plea for

Uganda inquiry

fails to stir UN

rom Our Correspondent

eneva, Feb 25
The British Government's

equest for an investigation of

In two days of secret dis-

cussions the request, put to the 32-parion commission yesterday by Sir Keith Unwin, seems to

have sunk into the depths of

"No results so far", one delegate said, indicating that any vote had been postponed Representatives of the eight

Third World countries in the

commission met earlier roday in an attempt to work out a com-

They are believed to have

agreed on some anodyne text expressing the hope that, with a view to clarifying the situa-tion, contacts can be developed between President Amin and Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United

Nations secretary general.

The commission's ineffectual

performance—in which the Soviet Union has not found it

necessary to intervene-may, ironically, improve the chances

of its ultimately accepting a recommendation, put to it last year by the sub-commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities, for a study of the human rights situation in Uganda.

Tom Stoppard reports

Tom Stoppard, Britain's noted

playwright, is just back from a Prisoners of Conscience Year

visit to Moscow, where he met

the Moscow Amnesty Group of

Dissidents who have been active in the campaign for human

rights. His important and mov-

ing report appears exclusively

in The Sunday Times tomorrow.

Tokyo, Feb 25 Tokyo and Moscow were

embroiled in a new territorial

dispute today after the Japanese Government's refusal to

recognize the Soviet decision to

around four former Japanese islands occupied by Soviet troops at the end of the Second

impose a 200-mile fishing zone regrettable act".

From Peter Hazelhurst

on Soviet dissidents

mon position.

African territory.

craft was his by ground fire.

the strip as ridiculous.

statement said three

Caprivi Strip deaths

claimed by Pretoria

The spokesman, Mr George Silundika described the reports as "blatant lies" designed to discredit Zapu and police spokesman also denied that any killings had taken

This is the second denial in issue concerning persistent reports of unrest in the camp where most of the students are being sent. It is alleged that some are members of Zanu and are being forced to join Zapu against their will.

Michael Knipe writes from
Salisbury: Rhodesians, black
and white and of all shades of

opinion, have reacted with marked lack of enthusiasm to the intended amendments to the race discrimination laws announced by Mr Smith. The Rhodesian leader said in Parliament on Thursday that white agricultural land as well

as industrial and commercial areas would be opened up to all races, legislation segregat-ing races in licensed premises and private schools would be and private schools would be dropped and there would be improved promotion opportuni-ties for blacks in the security forces and other government

Brigadier David Earp said that apart from the 12 guerril-las killed "we deduce that more

were wounded but cannot say

how many". The attack in the strip might have been intended

to be the beginning of a new front but it had been vigorously

The western Caprivi is one

of the most inhospitable areas

of southern Africa. It is sparsely populated and is one of the last remaining zones of the continent where the tsetse

fly, which induces often fatal

Prison death: Mr Samuel Malinga, an African detained

under the security laws, died this week of natural causes, according to a post-mortem report released in Pietermaritz-

Professor Ian Gordon, who

performed the autopsy, said death was due to a long-stand-

ing illness. Mr Malinga, aged 45, was the seventeenth black

officially reported to have died in detention in the past year.—

sickness, still

the 349 students who fled from land, are resented by litthe Manama mission school in Smith's supporters while as far Rhodesia earlier this month, as his opponents are concerned had been murdered by Zapu they are nowhere near radical

spokesman of the African nationalist faction led by Mr Joshua Nkomo, commented: designed to discredit Zapu and "The African people no longer the Patriotic Front A Zambian ask to be ruled well by the minority regime or by any-body. They want to rule them-selves."

The Rhodesia Herald, which two days that Zapu has had to tends to support the Government rather than the white ment rather than the white opposition parties, said in a leading article: "It is difficult to understand why Mr Smith, having gone so far as to open agricultural, industrial and commercial areas to all races, should have faltered over urban residential areas, schools and heroivale." and hospitals."

The paper continued:
Since the Prime Minister has accepted the principle of majority rule in two years, when all discrimination must surely go, would it not have been wise to bow to the inevitable now, at any rate by mak-

Mrs Muriel Rosin, the leader of the white opposition Rho-devia Party, said Rhodesia was on the road to majority rule yer Mr Smith had seen fit to leave out of his proposed reforms the four critical and emotional issues—urban hous-ing, government education and health, and the common voters

## US cuts aid over human rights issue

Washington, Feb 25 .- Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, told a Senate committee vesterday that the Carter Administration had decided to cut foreign aid to Argentina, Uruguay and Ethiopis because of human rights violations in

But because security commitments were overriding, the United States would not reduce its aid to South Korea or other strategically placed allies what-ever their violations of human

had publicly announced a reduction in foreign aid because of human rights considerations. He told the Senate appropriorions sub-committee that the aid programmes would probably total more than \$9,000m

An official said that President Carter had received a special envoy from Romania who told bim that Romanian leaders un-

hose countries.

rights.
This was the first time in memory that any administration (£5.300m).

derstood his concern about human rights.—New York human rights.—New Times News Service.

## Carter envoy allays fears of Turkish Cypriots

From Our Correspondent Nicosia, Feb 25 Mr Clark Clifford, the American presidential envoy,

believes there is a "definite possibility" of a Cyprus settleuman rights in Uganda has
id much the same effect in
the United Nations Commission.
I Human Rights as a stone ment this year. Speaking in Nicosia after

separate meetings yesterday with President Makarios and Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, he said borb about the Clifford sides to the conflict wanted a appeared contented. Settlement. There was a feeling "by the parties that the argued that the dis

time has now come to put upon the table positive constructive suggestions, so that there can be a basis for negotiation". The most tangible result of

the day's meetings appeared to be the piacation of Turkish Cypriot fears that the Carter Administration was adopting a of December, 1963.

pro-Greek stand in response to pressure from the Greek-Ameri-

Mr Clifford told a delegation of Turkish Cypriot relugees during his visit to their sector of Nicosia: "The United States will not give in to the whims of the Greek lobby?

Mr Denktssh, who had pre-viously expressed reservations about the Clifford mission,

appeared contented.

The Greek Cypriot side argued that the dispute arises from the Turkish invasion in the summer of 1974. Mr Clifford wittingly or otherwise satisfied Turkish Cypriot sensibilities by speaking of "the difficulties that both sides have endured over the bast 13. endured over the past 13-

## Union chief shot dead in Addis Ababa

Addis Ababa, Feb 25.-Gunmen today burst into the offices today said Master Sergeant here of Ethiopia's pro-govern- Abraham Gebre-Medhin, here of Ethiopia's pro-govern-ment trade union federation and shot dead its chairman. A state-ment by the All-Ethiopia Trade Union blamed the killing of Mr Tewodros Bekele, on "paid reactionary agents". Mr Getachew Legesse, the deputy seriously

The AETU was formed to replace the Confederation of Ethiopian Labour Unions, which was closed by the Government in May, 1975, after the arrest of its leaders. The CELU had become a focal point for criticism of the military goernment-

The union was inaugurated by Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu
Haile-Mariam on January 8 before he became head of state

Reuter.

As the meeting adjourned, Mr

Sunao Sonoda, the chief Cabinet secretary, said: "It is regretted that the Soviet Union

Fishing revives Tokyo dispute with Moscow

the Cabinet to review Moscow's earlier this month that new

According to Japanese offi-try's coastal zones from three to cials, both Mr Fukuda and Mr 12 miles, will encompass the

On official announcement Abraham Gebre-Medhin, accused of complicity in the plot which led to the death in a gunbanie on February 3 of Brigadier-General Teferi Bante, Colonel Menistri Colonel Mengistu's predecessor, had been killed by security forces last night.

Refugees in Sudan: About 150,000 refugees from Ethiopia bave entered Sudan in recent days, according to a broadcast over Omdurman radio. It said the refugees were mostly students and workers, but included university professors. They came from Eritrea and adjacent areas.

Omdurmen radio said a wave of arrests had begun in Addis

legislation, extending the coun-

Lichiro Hotoyama, the Foreign four disputed islands.

Minister, criticized Moscow's decision "as an unfriendly and claim announced vesterday that Moscow's The dispute is also likely to

cow's new 200-mile zone will

incorporate areas surrounding

miles, will encompass the

four former Japanese

The disputed islands are the

## Capt Cook the second sails in with broken nose

Perih, Feb 25:-- A Britishyachtsman who is retracing the last voyage of Captain James Cook 200 years ago arrived in Australia in his storm-battered schooner today, recovering from broken nose and three broken

Like his hero and namesake, Mr Gordon Cook was born in Whitby, Yorkshire. He intends to continue his journey after spending up to six weeks repair-ing his 23-metre boat Wavewalker.

Mr Cook described how he broke his nose and ribs when he was swept overboard by a wave "so big that the sky went dark" near Amsterdam Island, in the Indian Ocean. He carried out emergency repairs at the island, but then encountered 20 days of gales on the voyage to Australia. The Wavewalker finally had to be towed into Fremantle harbour.

"Captain Cook has been my hero since I was a boy, but you'll never get me to sail that southern Indian Ocean again",

Mr Cook was met by his wife Mary and two children, Suzanne, aged eight, and Jona-than, seven. They were on board the Wavewalker when the giant wave struck, but travelled on to Australia by container ship. Mr Cook continued with a crew of two, Mr Lawrence Vigil, an American, and Mr Herbert Seiler, from Switzer-

Mr Cook said he lost sight of the boar when he went over-board but "I was washed back on board because I had a life jacket and a line attached to the

Despite the repairs at Amsterdam island, the diesel engine was not working properly and the vessel was taking in water. He had not slept for four days because he had been too busy pumping water from his boat. . "It took us a fortnight to do 700 miles", Mr Cook said.

Three months after the end

of the Lebanese civil war, Pre-

sident Sarkis is being faced with a series of demands from

the Christian leadership to evict

thousands of Palestinians from

a village south of Beirut which

once inhabited

Mr Camille Chamoun, the

former President and leader of the National Liberal Party, whose militia fought alongside

the Phalangists during the war,

went to the presidential palace today to talk to Mr Sarkis about

the village of Damour and the pressure from its former residents to return to their homes.

The question is a parti-cularly sensitive one for Mr

Sarkis, not only because it re-

calls the divisions of the months of warfare but because Damour

-which was partially destroyed

when Palestinian guerrillas drove out the Christian defenders early last year—is at

present populated by hundreds of orphaned children and several thousand adult refugees

who survived the 52-day siege

of the Palestinian camp of Tel

Last autumn, Mr Yassir

Arafat, the leader of the Pales-

tine Liberation Organization, went to Damour to supervise the

Jordan peace

by Rabin party

The ruling Labour Party's

four-day national convention closed today after adopting an

election programme softening the party's stand regarding peace with Jordan.

For the first time it specifi-

cally endorsed returning some occupied territories to the

Jordanians in a peace settle-

ment, a policy espoused by government leaders for some

In effect, it also barred further Jewish settlement in sections of the occupied West. Bank likely to be restored to

Mr Moshe Dayan, the former Minister, fought an unsuccess-

ful rearguard action for the

Hitherto Labour's election

programmes expressed readi-

ness for territorial concessions

in exchange for peace but re-frained from stating on which

fronts in consideration of the

views of Israelis who claim the West Bank is part of the ances-

tral homeland and is not negot-

iable. The new formula men-

tions specifically Egypt, Jordan

territorial rights over the islands which are being used as

forward observation posts to monitor Japanese and American

mar negotiations on fishing due

to start in Moscow next week.

According to officials in Tokyo, the Japanese delegation will

attempt to separate the terri-

lordanians.

plan agreed

From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Aviv. Feb 25

Zaatar in July.

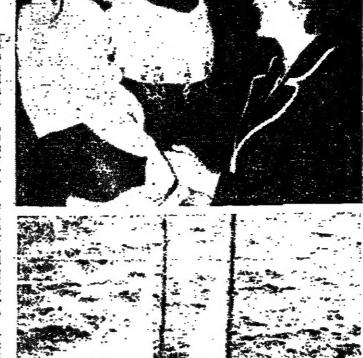
From Robert Fisk

Beirut, Feb 25

was one Christians.

Lebanese Christians claim

back their lost homes



Mr Cook reunited with his family after landing from his battered schooner, seen approaching Fremantle.

Finally, just out of Fremantle, they ran out of fuel and "I would rather have entered harbour in the dignified manner of Captain Cook, but we were all so tired", he said.

Mr Cook, who sold a horel to raise £100,900 to build his boat four years ago, said it had been worth every pentry "because my family and I love sailing."

resettlement there of the Pales-

was opened for the children in

the old Christian schoolyard

where they are taught weapons

training as well as more con-ventional scholastic subjects.

Most of the ruined houses have

been shored up with cement

walls to form primitive habita-tion for the women from Tei

the siege of Tel Zuatar so the

presidential audience today will be viewed somewhat cynically

less such pressures and demands

are likely to increase in coming

weeks as the Christian con-munity, which lost much of its territory during the war, tries

to increase its influence again

in areas in which the Christians

once lived.
All of which must make Mr

Sarkis more than diolomatically anxious that any Middle East

peace negotiations provide a home for Lebanon's 400,000 Palestinian refugees.

In brief

by Morocco

month. .

the Palestinians. Neverthe-

The Cooks now hope to refit the 30-ton Wavewalker and continue Captain Cook's voyage to Sydney, the Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji. Tahiti. Christmas Island, Hawaii. San Francisco and Vancouver. In the meantime Mr Cook

intends to catch up on sleep and visit a nose specialist.— Reuter and Agence France-

## Jordan bars the good

Samaritans

From Our Own Correspondent Jerusalem, Feb 25

Good deeds by Samaritans are still misunderstood in this part of the world. A delegation from the ancient sect, most of whose members live on the slopes of the sacred mountain Gerizim, has been refused permission to cross Allenby Bridge to Jordan tross Attenby Bridge to Jordan to pay a condolence visit on the burnt out by the Palestinians a death of Queen Alia.

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ferred to the need to reserve regarded as Jewish, although Christians in Damour. But this is the first time he has taken bases its faith only on the the matter direct to Mr Sarkis.

It was Mr Chamoun's "young lights militia who took part in the siege of Tel Zagar so the siege of Tel Z in the Schlus area were under Jordanian rule from 1948 to 1967; another 150 live near Tel Aviv.

> Although they turned back the Samaritans, the Jordanian authorities have admitted for the first time a delegation of Israel Arabs. On their return, the Arabs said they had been given a cordial welcome. They had been received by Husain and Crown Prince Hassan, and had met Government leaders and intellectuals at conferences which discussed "ways of restoring relations with Arab kin and culture".

## Indian poet describe dong months in detention

Calcuma, Feb 25

The issue of political detainees is being exploited by both sides in the Indian election campaign. The opposition hammers away at the denial of human rights, the threat to democracy and the number of its supporters still held. The Government asserts that the arrests were essential in the emergency which had averted a threat to the nation's exist-

Mrs Gandhi went farther in an interview with me, claiming that the opposition was actually helped by the public sympathy for released detainees.

Though the numbers are in dispute, political detainees are still held and to learn about detention from the detainee's point of view, I talked yester-day with Mr Jyoti Datra, a journalist and poet who was released from the Alipore Presidency jail on February 8.

He started a small literary magazine called Rollata in the Bengali language in 1971. It was in no way political and Mr Datta told me he had never taken part in organized political activity.

Then came the emergency. Mr

Datta said: "When the emer-gency was declared I thought would blow over soon. When it went on for a while I was amazed that nobody was speak-

ing up about it.

"So I published a special issue of Kolkata because when the press was gagged a magazine like ours had a dury to publish the facts a summary

Gandhi's son] and ar

support of democracy.

"Three of us who buted signed articles issue, believing ourse be in danger of arrer underground on Septen 1975. We moved abe countryside staying brie friends and sympathize continued to publish b tracts and poetry."

After a year Mr Da his two colleagues were last September and wer to police headquart Calcutta.

"After that I was t conditions were quite able though I was hur the time. I was inter almost daily at the Branch place. They where the presses we sought the names of the who had helped us. The some threats but no re-

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"At the beginning I cell to myself, but to be v colleagues I was moved own regulations were pri There was no ill rearms." even some sympathy fre guards.

"Some in Jail were a transistors and the BB very important to us. Mr Daria was finally reon bail. He said there we about 600 political prisos
Alipore jail. He was only four who had

## Illness robs opposition of man who draws crowds

Delhi, Feb 25.—The Indian frail Mr Narayan, who pposition suffered a blow in freed from jail on the election campaign today grounds. He had lately the election campaign today when its leading spokesman, Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, was taken to hospital with kidney trouble in Bombay. Doctors said he would have to cancel all. engagements between now and the election, beginning on

Mr Narayan, aged 74, was an associate of Mahanna Gandhi and is known in India as "J.P". He has drawn huge crowds to Janata Party railies. He spent five months in solitary confinement under emergency laws imposed in 1975,

Doctors said his illness was the result of exhaustion and complications in treatment he undergoes on a kidney machine. He would be at least three weeks in hospital.

No other opposition leader can draw such crowds as the sis.-Reuter.

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the Janata Party, which is on finance and franspoi meeting he addressed in last week collected rupees (£1,800), mostly in of low denomination.

In an interview last Su.

Mr Narayan said his k
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with a kidney machine takes seven hours a sess
was affecting both his ge
health and his menory. B
had intended to continue had intended to centinu posishing schedule of as the next. The doctors said today

Mr Narayan would be open on to rectify a defect in valve in his leg used for a

## Three killed as Pakistan police fire into house

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Feb 25

Three people were killed and December 16, 1971. five wounded when police opened fire today in Hydera-bad, 120 miles from Karachi, after a car chase. The police fire with people in a car who-were carrying guns in defiance of a government order.

The ban on carrying arms was issued in connexion with the campaign for next month's elections.
Meanwhile, a bitter contro-

versy has developed between the former military commander of East Pakistan, Major-General Niazi, and his former military governor, General Tikka Khan,

on the causes of the fu-The military debacle East Pakistan has becom important issue in the ele

campaign. The Opposition made this its main poir. attack against Mr Bhutto Prime Minister. Mr Bhut being accused of being principal architect of the tical policies and events v finally led to the break-t the two regions of Pak-one of which became Be-desh

General Niazi has supp the Opposition's attacks. eral Tildra Khan has raj chelp.

## **Buenos Aires daily attacks** 'The Times' over Falklands

OAU rebuffed From Our Correspondent An Argentine newspaper, re-

Rabat, Feb 25.—Morocco has decided to "suspend all par-ticipation" in the Organization cently closed for two days for publishing an article on alleged human rights violations here, today took issue with The Times of African Unity (OAU) in pro-test against allegations that Morocco was involved in an for saying that Britain should not negotiate on the Falkland Islands with an Argentine Gov-ernment responsible for such attempted coup in Benin last violations. The independent Buenos

Aires daily La Opinion said a

recent leading article in The

flect the situation in Argentina.

mounting a "destabilization"

campaign against the Labour

It also accused The Times of

"These lying accusations" had been allowed to circulate irresponsibly at the meeting of OAU ministers in Lomé, Dr Ahmed Laraki, the Moroccan Foreign Minister, said, Benin's political instability was pro-verbial. Its innumerable plots being useful alibis to eliminate

Triumphant right

San Salvador, Feb 25.— General Carlos Romero, the candidate of the ruling right-wing National Conciliation Party and former Defence Mini-ster, won El Salvador's presidential election against his centre-left coalition opponent.

Two beheaded

Riyadh. Feb 25 .- Two men were publicly beheaded after Friday proyers here for indecently assaulting a boy they had kidnapped from a nearby village.

Hijacker jailed

- Detroit, Feb 25.-Richard F. Dixon, aged 37, was sentenced to 40 years in prison for hijacking a Boeing 727 over the United States in 1971 and forcing it to land in Cuba.

Spacemen back

Moscow, Feb 25.—Two Soviet cosmonants landed safely in Kuzukhstan after 18 days in orbit in the Salyut 5 space laboratory.

stabilize " the United States Government, La Opinion said:
"A similar manoeuvre—the destabilization of the British Labour Government—is now undertaken by The Times, using

Argentina as a pretext."

The newspaper said it had invariably criticized excesses of violence in Argentina, "but we excesses of The Times's evaluation of the Argenine situation, excesses which amount to misinformation and unreasonable-

The reference by The Times to the Argentine economy as chaotic was "absurd". There-was no civil war in Argentina. rather an attempt by isolated Referring to recent allegations of CIA payments to world leaders as an attempt to "de duty to combat this. minorities to impose their will through violence and assassination, and the Government had a

## Mother's vigil Soviet Embass By a Staff Reporter

Dr Marina Voikhanska Soviet psychiatrist who been hving in Britain for vigil outside the S
Embassy in London yesu to mark the eleventh bir of her only son Misha wit been refused permission

Dr Voikhenskaya used in the Leningrad hospital where several Richard dissidents, including Mr. Fainberg, Mr Vladimir Bosky and Mr Vl She was joined in her w

by members of the Wo Dissenters in Mental Host including Tom Stoppard playwright.

## 'Pravda' raps party propagandis Moscow, Feb 25.-The Soviet side. The elimination of exist- should be extended to in-

Communist Party's Central Comminée referred to "signs of a relaxation of discipline within party ranks and severely condemned the ideological "laxity" of the neople in a resolution published as a Pravda leading article today. The resolution called for the

role of "verbal political propa-ganda" to be elevated and asked "all communists" to pull themselves together and explain more clearly to the people the benefits of socialism.

It severely criticized the "activists" and cadres of the party responsible for the poli-tical education and information of the masses, reproaching them for organizing "limited" dis-cussions and carrying on quantitative and not qualitative propa-

Discussions, political information and conferences often were confined to a repetition of selfno interest to workers, it said. . "The present issues of local

ing faults is not being empha-sized enough. Party organizers, in the race to provide more and more activists, give this work to comrades who are ill-prepared P, Pravda said.
"Propagandists must above

all be communists", it said, casting doubts on their sin-cerity. "Propaganda activists of the party are urged to instil in the people a communist atti-tude towards work, communal property and a feeling of responsibility."

It also urged party propa-gand sts to halt the "signs of relaxation of discipline", add-ing that they should "bring the word of the party to each person individually ".

According to observers, the party leaders have rarely listed in such a clear fashion the difficulties facing the Soviet Union internally. The resolution emphasized that activists should speak out regions: "hooliganism", against the wrecking of property, greed,

other negative values".

present, to meetings organ at work, It represched Soviet munists for not tailoring speeches to the canabilities their audiences and insisted

they take into consider 4 "the stare of mind of population" The resolution recomme that party members sin majorain closer contact with

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main stambling block in the negotiations on a peace treaty between Moscow and Tokyo. Japan has steadfastly maintained that the islands must be The 30-year-old dispute over has taken a unilateral step to torial dispute from the negotiathe ownership of the islands of include Japan's four northern Habomai. Shikotan, Kunashiri islands within the Soviet Union's and Etorofu in the Sea of Okhotsk was revived today, when Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Government of Japan cannot accept the decision." tions on the future rights of Sri Lanka poll-Japanese fishing boats in Soviet Colombo, Feb 25.-Mrs Ban-laranaike, Sri Lanka's Prime It is feared that the Soviet when Mr Takeo Fukuda, the accept the decision."

The controversy was sharp meeting of senior members of ened by a Japan: se dictaration with Moscow. The Soviet Union will insist on a package a peace and friendship treaty deal that will enforce Moscow's with Moscow. The Soviet Union to the islands. Minister, said a general election would be held within the next life and problems of moral edu-cation are being left on one six months.

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Gemmill: rushed to hospital after colliding with a reserve defender and fracturing his skull during training.

Sexton seeking greater

midfield industry

Stan Bowles, the England for-

ward, has been dropped by

Queen's Park Rangers for today's

home match with Leicester City. After a disappointing performance

in last Tuesday's League Cup

semi-final round tie against Aston Villa, the manager, David Sexton,

next week's Uefa Cup tie with AEK Athens.

Rangers, though they are left in

With only Arsenal left in the

By Norman Fox

Derby County who play Blackburn Rovers. After listening and reading of his imminent replacement by Brian Clough, the club's tolerant manager, Colin Murphy, yesterday thought he could get on with training but an accident in the gymnasium quickly brought him more trouble. Genmill, the driving force of midfield, collided with one of the reserves and was rushed to hospital by Mr Murphy. A fractured

at Highbury Jast Saturday, Bristol

Tottenbem have now some a

rain at the moment. To lose Archie at this stage is a hefty setback. He's a vital part of the team." At least he has McFarland back in today's defence against a Blackburn team without two regular players, Wagstaffe and Balley.

two regular players, Wagstaffe and Balley.

The last survivors from outside the top two divisions, Port Vale and Chester, are unlikely to remain in the field after difficult matches at Aston Villa and Wolverhampton. respectively. But neither will complain that their efforts so far have not been well rewarded. As the only clubs remaining from the first round they will meet for a new trophy, the Debenham's Cup, later in the season and the winners will receive £7,000. The losers will have £5,000 on the past year. If Aston Villa play as smoothly as they did in Tuesday's League Cup semi-final round the with Queen's Park Rangers they may overwhelm Port Vale and could well go, on to a cup double.

Chester have not yet conceded

Cup double.

Chester have not yet conceded a goal in the FA Cup and after four successive league wins they hope at least to hold Wolves to a draw. The chances are that they will find the high-scoring Wolverhampton forwards too lively for them and if there is to be a surprising result it could be a victory for Cardiff City over Everton. Some might say that Everton's league form this season hardly warrants any right to feel secure, but they have reached the League Cup final. Cardiff will undoubtedly give them a few problems. They give them a few problems. They have already beaten one first division club, Tottenham Hotspur and the Weish are talking of collecting the FA Cup for the first time in exactly 50 years.

Two more first division clubs will depart the drama today. Middlesbrough must feel confident of beating Arsenal. But the tussie between Leeds United and Manchester City at Elland Road is less predictable and more rain would put the tie in jeopardy. An inspection is being held at Elland Road this morning.

Road this morning.

In spite of their formidable programme, Liverpool continue to field unchanged teams and they hope that today's the against Oldhan at Anfield will leave them unscathed because on Wednesday they play St Etienne in the European Cup. Oldham would be unwise to think that this could lead to some tension. They make four changes in the hope of giving the side more experience. Liverpool can beat them on that score as well.

Rugby Union

## Slemen doubtful but Lancashire are not

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

Rugby Correspondent

Lancashire may have to do without Michael Siemen, their England international, when they play Middlesex in the final of the rugby county championship at Blundellsands this afternoon (2.30). The Liverpool wing has suffered some dizziness this week since being concussed during the French match last Saturday, and John Cariton, the Orrell and British Students player, is standing by.

By.
Roger Creed, an excellent Lancashire skipper, believes that, with or without Slemen, their team spirit and organization will take them through to a tenth title, but they not believe that they between the control of the control them through to a tenth title, but they do not believe that, because they put out the champions, Gloucestershire, in the semi-final round, they are all but home and dry. Lancashire's record in the final on the Waterloo ground is not an especially happy one, and they must have a healthy respect for the lineout potential of a Middlesex pack that includes three very tall men in Ralston and Howcroft, the locks, and Ripley, the No 8. Howcroft, the Wales B international, is all of 6ft 7in and 18st.

Ralston was an up and coming young forward when Middlesex

Raiston was an up and coming young forward when Middlesex won the last round on the same ground in 1966. The Lancashire lock. Trickey, is the only other survivor from that encounter, when the Middlesex full-back was Conton Maddorald of London Gordon Macdonald, of London Scottish. Macdonald has been the Middlesex coach for the past six years and, whatever the result now, this will be his official swan-

Bur it is not just the Middlesex coach and the two stalwarts at lock who have special reasons for wanting a good result. So, too, does Richards, the Middlesex full-back, who is playing his last big game before he emigrates to Australia at the end of the season. The first time I watched Richards play — for England Under-23 against the north of England—I saw enough, before his jaw was fractured, to be convinced that he was a potential England

player. Later that season, before he was wholly ready again after injury, be appeared in two national trials, since when the ultimate trials, since when the ultimate accolade has always passed him by. Perhaps he may find it in his new country.

There was snow in the north yesterday, and steady sleet at Blundellsands. It is a well drained pitch, but the conditions do not sound too promising and accurate kicking behind a solid scrummage could play a crucial part. The Lancashire half-backs, as well as Lyon in the centre, did well in this respect against Gloucestershire and their backs may prove the more flexible combination. The wetter it is the less Middlesex are likely to achieve from their expected advantage at the lineout.

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Middlesex are likely to achieve from their expected advantage at the lineout.

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Hockey

## Germans hold Trump and aces for indoor event

By Sydney Friskin

West Germany, the Buropean indoor hockey champions, are competing against England and Wales in a three-nations tournament, sponsored by Sim Life Assurance, at the Whitcharch Sports Centre, Bristol, today and tomorrow. Each team will play the others twice.

This event clashes with a priority outdoor commitment, the England World Cup party's training weekend at Crystal Palace, which means that a few players who might have been useful to the indoor side are not available. The system is different in West Germany where the national (ognidoor) leagues come to a halt for about three months in the winter to enable the players. the winter to enable the players to go indoors. This accounts for the availability of such outstanding outdoor players as Trump, Kaess-mann, Montag and Bachmann for the indoor restoral side.

The Germans have made a couple of late changes because they have not been able to bring Michael Peter and Seifert and even without them they should bear both England and Wales. But there is no better way for home coun-tries to improve than to meet opposition of this class.

England have made three changes by bringing in Brightwell (a goalkeeper), Mayo and David Barker who, though no strangers to indoor hockey, are new to the international scene. There has also hear some reorganization in been some reorganization in Wales, where the most notable change is the inclusion of Marsh and the omission of Towier.

Two important matches have Two important matches have been arranged for the England outdoor ream tomorrow. One is against a strong London Indians adde at Lloyds Bank ground. Copers Cope Road, starting at 11.0 am. The other is against a Middle-sex XI on the National Westminster Bank ground, on the same road, starting at 2.45.

The teams for the indoor tournament at Bristol will be selected from:



## New Zealand settle down

## A close run thing in prospect at Cosford

Athletics Correspondent

Even without Mary Stewart and Katrina Jane Colebrook in the team, victory for Britain's women athletes in roday's indoor international match against France at RAF Cosford (1.45) seems a distinct possibility. The British men are bringing our all their indoor stars of the season, including Geoffrey Capes and Sebastian Coe, but they may have a barder task to avoid their fourth international defeat this month.

Yet the challeting does not look

defeat this month.

Ver the challenge does not look as daunting as it did this time last week against West Germany in Dortmund, a match which was lost only narrowly. A little of the inspiration so appareog there could turn the tables today. Brimain are likely to dominate the 3,000 metres, through Ray Smedley and Richard Milne, and the short pur, where Capes and Michael Winch, are currently in excellent form. The French look equally confidently to the long jump and burdles, so much will depend on close events like the 60 metres. Mere handredths of a second separate the times recorded. metres. Mere hundredths of a second separate the times recorded by the British sprinters, Rill and Hoyt, in Dortmund, and those of the French men, Leroy and Amourex, in the French championships at Orleans, also held last weekend. The event could swing eight points to three either way.

In the 400 metres, Glen Coben, back on his home track, seeks his fourth international victory in 17 days. Neither Frenchman achieved better than 48.34 seconds in their championships, and Cohen has not been outside 48 seconds against Italy, Spain and West

Germany, so a clean sweep seems imminent. His success this year has been less loudly haited than that of the middle distance runners, but that should not diminish his ambitions in next month's European indoor

month's European indoor championships.
Verona Elder and Ruth Kennedy should have the measure of their rivals in the women's 400 metres and, even without Miss Stewart in the 1,500 metres (whose world record performance last week would have put her nearly a lap ahead of the winner of the French title), we can look for a British victory there through Cherry

Hanson.

The key women's events include the shor, where Judish Orkes in her best form can win; the long jump and the 800 metres, where the French ream includes Colette Besson, the 1968 Olympic 400 metres champion, who recorded 2min 8.8sec in her national championships, half a second behind claudine Aubry. As Susan Smith, the British champion, has run between 2:8.3 and 2:8.5 four times in the past month, it should be

in the past wonth, it should be a close race.

Ratina Colebrook, the Commonwealth record holder, with 2:2.5, prefers to run instead in the national women's cross-country championships at Stoke-on-Trent today, and, as reigning northern champion, her chances of qualifying for England's team to compete in the international cross-country championships at Düsseldorf on March 20 must be high. Nor should her absence from cosford prevent her being named on Monday for the European indoor championships in San Schastian. She has already done enough.

Squash rackets

#### Scully stops an Army . . clean sweep

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent
The Army won the inter-services
squash rackets championship for squash rackets championship for the third successive season by beating the Royal Air Force 4—1 at Uxbridge yesterday, having won by a similar margin against the Royal Navy a day earlier. As they have a relatively young team, sharpened by the presence of three internationals, the Army's hold on the championship looks reasonably secure.

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The RAP, already two matches and eight games down, had a brief flicker of hope when Scully took the first game from Sharkey, while, next door, Stokes was poised on game ball against Stewart. But that was as far as Stokes could go and the Army were 4—0 up when Scully, the sounder player in the last of many crises, came back from 4—7 down in the fifth game to rescue a morsel of dignity

The Army won every other match in straight games. For two games the bounding Stewart was so fast on to the ball that he was like primitive man pouncing on the kind of dinner that has to be caught and killed before it can be cooked. He won 13 points before Stokes previously baffled by the botsterous speed of

by the botsterous speed of Stewart's assault, managed to strike a semblance of the form he used to show as a Brinish inter-mational. In the third game Stokes

#### Mrs McKay lingers only 11 minutes

Heather McKay began her quest for a sixteenth consecutive British women's open squash title with an 11-minute first round victory over Pat Green, at Wembley last night The 35-year-old Australian professional remained as consistent as ever as she dispatched Miss Green, a Stevenage-based Scot, 9-0. 9-0, 9-0.

Miss Green, aged 28, broke Mrs McKay's service only four times in the entire-match. She seemed over-awed at sharing a court with the world champion, who has not been defeated since 1962.

Mrs McKay said that she had regained her apperite for the game after having considered, retirement. "I am as keen now as ever and I expect to face rather more difficult expection as the tourse. difficult opposition as the tourna-ment progresses".

Tennis



Skiing.

## Hinterseer's first World Cup victory of season

Furano, Japan, Feb 25.—Hans Hinterseer, of Austria, emerged from the shadow of his companiot, Klaus Heidegger, to score his first victory of the season in a men's World Cup glant slalom here today. Hinterseer mastered the 1,320-metre Furano course in 3min 11.58ec to beat another Austrian, Manfred Brunner, who recorded 3:12.10. "The very happy because it's a big surprise for me. I have had bad results in the glant slaloms", Hinterseer said after the two runs.

Ernst Good, of Switzerland, was third with 3:12.27. Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, falled to catch up with Franz Klammer, of Austria, in the World Cup placings by finishing eleventh in 3:15.50. Stenmark, who, with 174 points, is 21 points behind Klammer, said the Furano snow did not suit him.

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stein, came fourth in 3:12.67 followed by Heidegger in 3:12.94. Hinterseer said : " I was always trying to get ahead of Klaus Heidegger but I was behind his shadow all the time." Shadow all the time."

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gives them the self cnofidence trey must have. There is still a long way to go but our wins and Sunderland's good results have put the pressure on other clubs. The

issue is now far wider and my players believe we can stay up." West Ham will be sending out the (earn who beat Arsenal 3—2

Grimsby v Oxford U ..... Northampton v Shrewsbury .....

oke C ..... Fourth division Aldershot v Newport ..... Earnsley v Stockport ..... Bournemouth v Cambridge U .... Bradford C v Torquay ..... Crewe v Colchester ..... Doncaster v Swansea .....

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troubled by an ankle injury.

As Liverpool are involved in the Cup, Ioswich can stip into top place if they beat Stoke City at Portman Road. They, too, are doubtful about their goalkeeper, Cooper, who injured a thigh in training. Whymark and Talbot have both recovered and will be playing against a team who have not yet won an away game this season and have scored only three goals on "foreign" soil. Ill fortune follows Stoke. They cannot call on Mahoney who cut his hand when he fell on a metal spike. Salmons, who was dropped for last week's march against Everton, is expected to replace him.

If Sunderland can continue with Rangers, though they are left in European competition, are still in a precarious league position that is exaggerated by their number of matches in hand. Two strong players are brought into today's team, Hollins and Kelly, indicating that Mr Sexton will be looking for greater-midfield industry than was seen in midweek.

With only Arsenal left in the

with only Arsenal left in the Cup, this afternoon's first division games have three London clubs in action—all of them struggling to escape from the clutches of relegation. As well as Rangers, West Ham United and Tottenham Ratsons are in wheth read of If Sunderland can continue with West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur are in urgent need of points. The extraordinary midweek 6—1 win by Sunderiand over West Bromwich Albion emphasized a threat from below and although West Ham should gain at least one point in their home match with Bristol City, there is not a lot of hope for Tottenham Hotpur at Newcastle United.

Lohn Lyall the West Ham their remarkable little revival, a group of teams in the mid-table section may feel the pinch. None of the bottom eight now seems reliable relegation material; so for reliable relegation material; so for those as seemingly well placed as Coventry City and West Bromwich Albion there is no room for errors. These two meet today at Eighfield Road. Albion's defeat at Sunderland has encouraged them to strengthen their own attack by including Alistair Brown. Newcastle United.
John Lyall, the West Ham manager, sounded more optimistic vesterday when he said: "Morale is important in a relegation situation and our wins over Stoke and Arsenai have given us a definite lift. Winning brings back the players' beieff in themselves. It sives them the said confidence

Chelses could lose their top position in the second division if they should be beaten by the good Bolton Wanderers team. They have not won in three matches and the lead they have held since Sentember seems in danger. September seems in danger. Finnieston, who has scored 17 goals, should return after recovering from a broken cheekbone. Bolton, two points behind Chelses and with a superior goal difference, will be at full strength. for Hereford By Michael Archer Chariton 1 Hereford 1 Hereford United, rooted at the bottom of the second division and

Point that could

prove vital

City, who played so well to defeat Manchester City, also last week, will be without their striker. Ritchie, who has a throat infecwithout a win since November, should have ended that sequence at The Valley. They did quite enough to have won and to saggest that their relegation to the month without winning and one begins to south their ability to survive the crisis. Today at Newenough to have won and to see gest that their relegation to the third division is by no means a formality. Chariton only saved their faces with a late equalizer.

As they successfully soaked up Chariton's early pressure Hereford's confidence grew. In fact by half-rime they half-rime saven

of a gift. Carter's cross wwas comof a girt. Carrier's cross wwas com-plenely missed by Curtis, leaving Spiring with a comparatively simple chance which he gratefully lashed in. He then ran fully of yards to offer McNeil. No 2 on a plate. But he missed with this and

Yesterday's results Second division

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Hockey

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SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE:
First division: Bestoyheath v Cambridge
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Purley v Hampstead; St. Keller v
Kenton.

BBC 2-tomorrow

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> Morton v Dumbarton..... Raith R v Falkirk ..... Scottish second division

Villa, the manager, David Sexton, has decided to vest both Bowles and Masson, a midfield player who had played 64 consecutive league games. Possibly both players will be spurred into greater effort in corners to Charlton's four and had twice gone very close to tak-ing the lead.

When Hereford at last produced

plate. But he missed with this and a good near post header—again from Spirits.

So when Peacock's long cross was flicked on by Gles to give McAuley the equalizer with a 78th minute header, Hereford had every reason to feel robbed. But their first point at The Valley will give them every encouragement in their fight for second division survival.

CHARLTON ATMINITE: J. Wood: B. Christ, P. Warman, D. Tydeman, J. Ciles. L. Berry, C. Powell, P. Hunt (sub: W. O'Shikwan), M. Panagan, H. Pencott, H. McAuley T. Bushes; S. Liche, S. Elizhe, J. String, J. Spiring, Referes: E. R. Robinson (Notwich).

Fourth division Southerd (1) 1 Laverick

## on all-weather pitch

The Netherlands, New Zealand and Ireland all won their matches yesterday in the two-day women's international bockey tournament which began in Manchester. All play was on an all-weather pitch at Manchester University sports at Manchester University sports ground as the grass pitches at the cricket ground at Old Trafford were under water. The B teams from the home countries are joined this year by the Netherlands B and New Zealand. New Zealand had the unusual experience of playing on a hard pitch and beat Wales 2—0 with a goal in each half. P. Lunn stored first and then, with the Welsh defence, particularly P. Jones and M. Williams, playing well and cutting off many New Zealand passes in the driving snow, the Welsh goalkeeper, I. Davies, was sold a dummy. She watched the set-up for a handstop at a corner but the bell was sent to a different player and J. New Zealand had the mmumal

second goal.

The Netherlands beat Scotland 1—0 with a fine geal in the first balf. S. Bokborst took a corner hit and the ball was arrambled out of the circle. It was collected by I. Hendriks, who immediately passed into the circle and Miss Boekhorst shot the ball firmly into the net with great speed. Ireland best England with a

goal in each half. Ireland seemed the faster team and, apart from two well taken corners by Eng-land, a hand-stop by F. Franks and a hard shot by S. Slocombe, which was magnificently saved by V. Mitchell, Ireland's captain in goal, the sharper attacks came from Ireland. R. Jacob put the ball in the net in the first half and M. Purcell later followed a rebound from the English goal-keeper to score the second goal. In both cases R. Beacon had initiated the move

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Scottish Cup

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Berwick v Dunfermline ...... Clyde v Stranger ..... Cowdenbeath v Stirling A ...... E Stirling v Forfar Stenhousemuir v Queen's Park ..

Other Match Kilmarnock v Sunderland ......

Boxing: Albert Hall bours (12.50, 1.20); Scotrish ABA cham-pronships (2.50) Show jumping: Northwood meeting (1.0) Superstars: Heat 5 (featuring Kevin Keegan, 1.35) Rugby League : Hull Kingston Rovers v Hull (3.50) Football: Match of the (10-20)

Football: FA Cup preview (12.20)

Television highlights Rugby Union: Lancashire
Middlesex, Waterloo
Coventry (5.5)

Football: FA Cup preview (12.35)
Greyhound racing: Haringey
races at 2.8, 2.23, 2.38,
2.53, 3.25, 3.45
Cliff diving: Acquaring magning IBA—tomorrow Football: Big Match (2.15)

Rugby Union County Championship: Final

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St Luke's College (2.30),
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Park v Oxford University

Barlow's 63

hours and a

Colombo, Feb 25.—MCC dawdled through the opening day of their match against Sri Lanka here today, mustering 210 for three from 82 eight-ball overs. With places to be won in next month's cemenary Test against Australla, no one was prepared to take risks. Barlow made 63 not out in four hours and a half, Miller 56 in three hours and three-quarters and Randal A5 in

three-quarters and Randal 45 in

Oppressive heat made conserving energy a major consideration but there were numerous scoring opportunities that were wasted unnecessarily. Spinners bowled all but 14 of the day's overs and, though the ball turned, it did not the to wickly appears to waste

do so quickly enough to make life difficult for the batsmen.

MCC won the toss and on a grassless pinch set in the middle or a lush, green outfield Miller and Woolmer made a watchful start. They put on 50 in 16 overs and were looking ready to accelerate the run rate when Woolmer, playing too soon at a good leaved.

are the run rate when Woolmer, playing too soon at a good length ball, was caught and bowled by Somchaudra de Silva, a leg spinner. Woolmer contributed 25 to the 61-run opening stand.

After lunch Miller and Barlow played soundly without ever attempting to dominate the bowling. They scored only 31 runs in the hour after the interval and their partnership was worth

runs in the hour after the interval and their partnership was worth 63 in two hours and a quarter when Miller, driving inside the off spin of Kaluperuma, was stumped.

Barlow and Randall batted together for two hours, putting on 81 for the third wicket. Both

preferred a restrained approach to their natural, attacking game, although there were bursts of aggression, Barlow sweeping de Silva for six and Randall opening out in the final hour.

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## Cricket **Authority of**

## Lillee stamped five times

Lillee returned to top form here today to put Australia firmly on top after the first day of the second Test match against New Zealand. New Zealand were dismissed for only 229 runs in their first innings at the close, with Lillee stamping his personal authority on the day's play by taking five wickets, including his 150th Test wicket, and making an

important catch.
Lillee, who has been bothered by injury, ended with five wickets for 51 off 17.3 overs and also scored an important breakthrough by holding a superb catch on the boundary to dismiss Edwards, who had been rearing the Australian

nad been learning the Australian attack apart.

New Zealand got off to a bad start when Turner, their captain, fell in only the second over, but Geoffrey Howarth and Congdon consolidated the innings with a second-wicket stand of 57. It sended when Congdon was caught second-wicker statut of 3. ended when Congdon was caught behind, off Lillee, for 25. Howarth went on to score a fine 59 before falling to Lillee.

The period after lunch proved

The period after lunch proved disastrous for the home team when they lost three of their top-order batsmen in the space of nine runs. At tea New Zealand were in trouble at 142 for five. But Edwards, New Zealand's new wicketkeeper, gave the large crowd something to cheer about ofter the interval with a magnificent innings of 51 in 56 minutes. He hit 11 boundaries in a thrilling sixth-wicket stand of 56 with



Lillee: back to his tigerish best with his 150th Test wicket.

able 44, the tail end steadily declined after Edwards's departure. Despite New Zealand's modest total, the Australian Captain, Chappell, was disappointed that his team did not make an earlier breakthrough after asking New Zealand to bat. "The chance was there for us

wicketkeeper, gave the large crowd something to cheer about to bowl them out quickly ", he store the interval with a magnificent inmings of 51 in 56 minutes. He hit 11 boundaries in a thrilling sixth-wicket stand of 56 with Richard Hadlee.

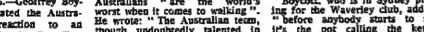
Although Hadlee, the last man out, held on defiandy for a value.

"The chance was there by us only the most time of bowl them out quickly ", he said. "We did not get the complete breakthrough, but I don't think we lost anything by bowling first." New Zealand have Petherick, an off-spin bowler, in their team in place of Dayle Hadlee, who is medium fast.



**Boycott lectures Australians on etiquette** 

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A. W. Greis, K. W. R. Fisicher.
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1—61.
2—121, 3—205.



cott today castigated the Australian players' reaction to an umpire's ruling in the first Test match against New Zealand in

Christchurch.

The Australians obviously thought that Glenn Turner, the New Zealand captain, was out when he survived a confident appeal for a catch in the slips by McCosker off Liliee. Turner said it was stressed to him "in Australian terms" that he should have walked.

Writing in The Daily Telegraph, in Sydney, Boycott said that the

From Terry Williams

ndies against Pakiston in the first

Croft, aged 23, and Joel Garner, aged 24, of Barbados, are the latest additions to West Indies'

formidable battery of fast bowlers. Though they lack the experience

of the men they replaced in the Test—Michael Holding, of Jamaica, and Wayne Damel, of Earbedos—they took 13 Paidstaul vickets between them in the first Test, which ended in a draw on Wadnesday.

At the beginning of the season Croft, an air traffic controller, and Garner, who turned profes-sional last summer, were just two of a mumber of solid fast bowlers scattered about the islands here.

Then they captured 17 Pakistani wickets between them in a match which Pakistan lost to West Indies

Bridgetown, Feb 25

to them.
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Australians "are the world's worst when it comes to walking". He wrote: "The Australian team, though undoubtedly talented in playing skills, need to have a few subtleties of the game spelt out to them.

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"You would have thought it was a hanging offence the way the crowd and media reacted to my mistake, and yet some of the

Two go aplundering in the Caribbean

gener said the needed improvement in his game was his batting, a reference to his being considered an all-rounder when he first started playing. He added that he also needed to considered an all-rounder was chosen for his school's underwhell that he also needed to considered an all-rounder was chosen for his school's underwhell that he also needed to considered an all-rounder was chosen for his school's underwhell that he also needed to considered and all-rounder was chosen for his school's underwhell that he also needed to considered that he a

"I think maybe that playing in the Lancashire League has im-proved my bowling. You come up against such a variety of batsmen there", 'he, said. He has had offers from "" four or five" Eng-lish counties. "But I don't know yet whether I want to play county cricket. I'll decide when I go back to England." Croft, made the Guyana youth team in 1970. In 1972 he spent

Colin Croft wanted to be a wicketkeeper until the day the fast bowler faited to turn up for his school side in Guyana. "When we saw he wasn't coming I just picked up the ball and bowled. If Roberts and Vanburn Holder, who destroyed England last summer.

When Holding and Daniel pulled out of the Test here with injuries they were the natural choices to fill the vacant fast bowling places. Now that Holder also is hurt, it looks as though Pakistan will see a lot of the two new men in this series.

No one got seven wickets". Croft said shortly after taking another seven wickets, but this time for West

Down among the deadly men of bowling the toast is Croft and Garner

Croft is big and brawny, built rather like that other great West Indian fast bowler, Wes Hall. But next to Garner he is tiny. Garner stands oft Sin in his bare feet and

shambles loose-limbed about the field rather like Clive Lloyd until there is some decisive movement to be made. Then, like Lloyd, he explodes into superbly coordinated Garner and Croft move the ball both ways in the air and off the pitch. Croft, who is fractionally faster, says this is his most impor-tant asset. Garner believes his big-

Wednesday.
"They blended into the side beautifully. They did everything we expected of them". Clive Lloyd, the West Indian captain, said after the match. gest advantage is his beight. As one cricketer said: "Any man who Though he is nor as fast as Croft, Garner probably has the better control. Croft still tends to

Garner said the thing that needed improvement in his game

Garner can improve. Most ex-perts expect that Garner will increase his speed. He also has the talent to become a first-class all-rounder, rather like Pakistan's Imran Khan.

Garner played elegantly in scoring 43 in the first includes of the Test here, producing shots worthy even of Vivian Richards; But he was out without scoring in the second innings, dismissed by a hall from Saleem Altaf which by a ball from Saleem Akaf which bardly left the ground. His first-mings performance was all the more creditable because be was met by a barrage of bumpers from Imran and Sarfraz Nawaz, who brings the ball down from that were annoyed by the occasional height must be difficult to play, short ball he bed bowled at them.

Look at the angle he is getting."

Garner faced the bouncers with

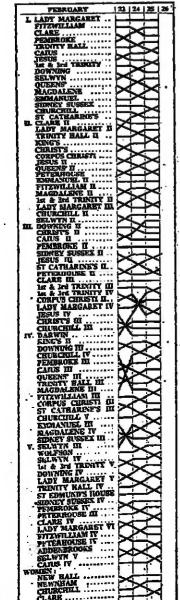
great aplomb, to the delight of the crowd; but he says he does better control. Croft still tends to not consciously play to the spectrop the ball too short and lose tators. "I'm not conscious of the crowd at all when I'm playmaximum speed. He phipointed ing." Nevertheless, he has always

out."
Garner began playing the game, like aimost all West Indians, in the street and on the beach " with a coconut tree bat". He was

Last summer he was in England playing for Littleborough, in the Lancashire League, taking 110 wickets in the season.

three months being coached in England and was picked for the Shell Shield competition for the first time. Three years in the wilderness followed because I was just not good enough, and because I was living in Trinidad for one year, training to be an air controller. He regained his place in the Guyana side this year. —Reuter.

Cambridge lents



## Conteh looks forward to bearding Hutchins

Len Hutchins, who meets John Conteh at Liverpool Stadium for the world light heavyweight title on March 5 gave Manny Goodall, the promoter, a shock yesterday when he falled to arrive on his scheduled flight from the United States.

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Hutchins was expected at 7.30 am by Pan American, but did not arrive until 11 am by TWA. He was rescued from immigration at Heathrow Airport in time to be introduced to Conteh before flying on to Liverpool to complete his preparation.

Hutchins's change of plan was forced on him by a delayed flight in Detroit on Thursday afternoon, and the journey took him 15 hours. Conteh, the world champion, travelled 15 miles from Hampstead and Jooked a good deal fresher. Hutchins, aged 28 from Kala-

Hutchins, aged 28, from Kalamazoo, said he had received three weeks notice for this fight as a substitute for Miguel Cuello, of Argentina, but he has been in full training for a contest due to take place this weekend.

The American, a rangy Negro, sported a small heard but Contehs said he would not insist on it being shaved off. "I can punch a bit harder than that beard can keep out", Conteh said. "If he has to rely out that for protection, it will be a bad job for him."

This will be Hunchins's second world championship fight. In December, 1974, he met Victor Galindez, Conteh's great rival, for the WBA version of the championship. The contest took place in Buenos Aires, Galindez's home town, and Hunchins was stopped in the twelfth round, although not before he had desit the South American a cut which needed 20 American a cut which needed 20 Hank Groomes, Hutchins's mana-

Hank Groomes, Hutchins's manager, claimed that Calindez has never been the same since. It was one of the two defeats on Hutchins's 29 fight record.
Hutchins has had only four fights in the past two years and his one hobby is music. "It soothes the savage in me", he said.

Crucial test for former champion

Rotterdam, Feb 25.—Bunny Sterling, Britain's former European middleweight boxing chamnion, Meets Rudi Koopmans, of the Netherlands, in a 10-round contest here on Monday with the chance of a European title bout for the winner. Sterling. 28, lost his European

title to Italy's Angelo Jacopucci in Milan last August and knows he has to beat the hard-hitting Dutchman convincingly to be considered as a serious challenger to Britain's new European champion, Alan Minter. But Koopmans, 29, and unbeaten

in his last 22 professional bouts, is determined to win this crucial test and underline his claims for a bout with Minter, who took the title from Germano Valsecci, of Italy, last month.

Koopmans, a non-stop fighter rather than a stylish boxer, will rely on his big punch in both hands, short body hooks and ripping uppercus to wear down and beat the clever and experienced Sterling.—Reuter.

Motor racing

#### Watson breaks lap record in South Africa

Johannesburg, Feb 25.--John Watson, of Northern Ireland, unofficially broke the lap record here today during practice for the South African Grand Prix on March 5.

Watson covered the 2.55-mile Martini-Brabham (an sverage speed of 122.02 mph) to beat the record set up last week by Jody Scheckter, of South Africa, in the



Motor rallying

## Explosive start and fuel stops for Leyland cars

Leyland's hopes of victory in toughest stage of the event, the the Mintex Raily, which started snow-covered Stang Forest section, in Harrogate yesterday, took two severe early blows. Their Triumph TR7, driven by Tony Pond and Fred Gallagher, had a dramatic start when its fire extinguisher exploded in the middle of a high-speed special stage. Pond kept driving despite chemical times and set up the joint fastest time among the early starters on the stage at Rudding Park.

The car screamed into the stage finish at about 70 mph with both doors flung open and the choking crew trying to clear the fumes from the burst extinguisher. Less than a minute separated the leading 10 drivers as the competi-tors made their way towards the

in co Durham.

Holding a 12-second lead was Ari Vatamen, of Finland, in a Ford from Tony Pond (Triumph TR7) with Hannu Mikkola (Toyota) in third place five seconds behind. Andy Dawson, the winner last year, was the first man through, and he had to drop his speed so much that he went down from fourth to twenty-fourth. he leading positions after 12 special stages were: April 1 Singes Were!

1. A Vatanen and P. Bryant (Ford 881800), 37min 43sec; 2. T. Pond and F. Galingher (Trumph Trumph 137min 47sec; 3. C. Sciater and M. Holmes (Vauxhall Caeveler, 28min 66ac; 3. G. Simpson and A. Simpson (Ford Eccord, 28min 17sec; 5. M. Mikkals and A. Hette (Toyota Caralla), 28min 21sec; 6. P. Artikkals and C. Francia (Sauxhall Caeveler, 28min 25sec.



Tenecoon (Dr D. Chesney) in the Manor Novices Steeplechase at Kempton Park yesterday.

## Pendil out on his own at Kempton

Racing Correspondent
Because of the loss of both
Teesside Park and Stratford-onAvon on account of the appailing
weather, Kempton Park is the

weather, Kempton Park is the only race meeting left today. Thompson Yellow Pages have again sponsored a steeplechase and a burdle race, there this afternoon, as has been their custom in recent years.

Pendil will be trying to win the Yellow Pages Pattern Handicap Steeplechase a third time. As far as his connexions are concerned this race provokes mixed memories. Nineteen seventy-three and 1974 were glorious days, but the following year Pendil broke down. Pendil's record this season has been a glowing testament to the way he was patched up by Fred Winter and his veterinary surgeons and also to the way that the old warrior responded to their treatment. His comeback at Kempton to-

His comeback at Kempton to-wards the end of December was so spectacular that it had to be seen to be believed. He won there again in January, when he just managed to account for Fort Devon. Since then Pendil has won again, the last occasion being at Wincanton, where he beat his solitary rival, What a Buck, by 15 lengths. But Kempton has always been his happy hunting ground, and if, as I expect, he is successful there yet again this afternoon it will be his tenth vic-tory on the course.

tory on the course.

Nothing has happened this season to suggest that Pendil has deteriorated and, although he has his fair share of weight, he still possesses the class and agility to defy the handicapper and to outclass his rivals on occasions like this. Pendil has already trounced What a Buck this season ad there is ground for thinking that he ought to be capable of beating him

worse terms.

Over three miles around Kempton he ought to be able to outpace both Even Up and Shifting Gold. Rathvilly and Brown Admiral have done most of their racing over two and a half miles, which is arguably the most diffiworse terms.

Kempton Park programme

1.30 ST JAMES'S HURDLE (4y-o Handicap: £683: 2m)

[Television (BBC1): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

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2.30 YELLOW PAGES HURDLE (4-y-o: £2.254: 2m)

Kempton Park results

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1.0 (1.5) ASMFORD HURDLE (Div.L.)
Part I: £586: 2mr

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16-1 Bushed Fiddle, 13-1 Rikroc, The
Guyner, 16-1 Burgain Day. 20.1
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Trolly (1), 35-1 Indian Tea, Track
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Met's singles: Semi-linal round; Yu fao-lung (China) best Lin Shib-chean (China), 15-6, 15-9; Lian Chin (China) best Yao Hel-ming (China), 15-4, 15-6, Women's singles; Semi-inal regard; Mann Chinabar, Chinabar,

MELBOURNE: Sheffield Shield: New outh Wales, 147 for 9 fS. Rimon 55, Gallen 6-73: v Victoris.

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7075; Win. 31p; places, 200, 70p; dual farcesst, 25.36, A. R. Turnell, at Marthorough, Nock, 51. Blacksbeat did not, run.

2.30 (2.33) ASHFORD MURDLE (Div 2. part 1: £360 (2m) Great Birnam, b h. Gellic Ash— Aldegonde (Mrs. J. Hurlet) (1. Pueblo J. Francame (11-10 (sv. 2. Fortune Cookle . . . J. 10x (12-1) 3

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The main stumbling block on this occasion as far as Rathcon-rath is concerned could well be rath is concerned could well be Shelahnu, whose trainer, Ryan Price, has made a habit of winning this particular race in recent years, even though he has bad comparatively few runners under National Hunt rules. Price won it in 1971 with Melody Rock; again two years later with Padlocked; and a third time, last year, with Soldier Rosa.

and a third time, last year, with Soldier Rose. Padlocked and Soldier Rose were both front runners whose style was particularly well suited to this sharp course. So is Shelahnu. Shelahnu won his first race under National Hunt rules at Kempton just after Christmas, making all the running. He jumped like an old hand and eventually beat True Shot by half a dozen lengths.

course four weeks later. He started at odds on, but on that occasion he was caught by Ambremont in the last 50 yards and besten a neck. Spelahnu did not the property of the p mont in the last 50 yards and beaten a neck. Shelahun did not jump nearly so well that day and I did not like the way he put his head in the air when he was challenged by Ambremont towards the end. He could be a borse who likes to have everything his own way. He may not have that this afternoon because Levaramoss is

cult distance in the game, so they should not be found wanting on a question of speed. I still believe however, that Pendil is in a class of his own when it comes to races like this, as his record suspects. Don't Hesitate is a novice and he has run in only one steepiechase. Admittedly, he won it, but it is still asking a lot of one so inexperienced to hold his own in this company.

Fred Winter and John Francome are also hoping to win the Yellow Pages Hurdle with Rathconrath, and they are not without a good chance of pulling off what would be a lucrative double. Rathconrath will be meeting Levaramoss on 131b better terms than when he was beaten only a length and a half by the Ingham horse in the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park on January 8 and that is a significant swing in the weights.

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So it proved at Sandown earlier As for the best bet of the day, Flitgrove (3.0) stands out in my opinion. As you might expect of a horse who is a full brother to What a Buck and a half brother to L'Escargot, a Gold Cup and Grand National winner, Flitgrove is a natural Jumper of fences. He was a useful hurdler, but whatever he did over hurdles it was likely that he would do even better when his attention was turned to steeplechasing. So it proved at Sandown earlier

So it proved at Sandown earlier this month when he won so impressively. Any horse who can jump around Sandown the way he did ought to be capable of coping with the big fences at Kempton and Flingrove is my firm selection to win the Galloway Braes Notices Steeplechase. At Sandown he beat Miss Boon by four and three-quarter lengths and he three-quarter lengths and he should do so again. They will be meeting each other on precisely the same terms.

At Kempton yesterday Peter Cundell saddled his 100th winner in only two and half years' training when King Shaw wou the Emblem Handicap Steeplechase. Beforehand it looked very much jumped like an old hand and eventually beat True Shot by half a
dozen lengths.

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again when he returned to the
his head jumping the fifth fence ing King Shaw and it was soon clear that only a fall could stop clear that only a fall could stop him from winning. Happily for Cundell, King Shaw is far too good a jumper to throw away such a golden opportunity as this and he came home unchallenged.

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The Jockey Club have h down an application for a li-to ride under National Hunt by the 58-year-old Duke Alburquerque. This decision lows a visit by the Duke of Jockey Club's consultant sur, Frank D'Abren, earlier this v.
The stewards received a n from Mr D'Abreu which said think that there is a possibility of his having a se fall which might produce per ent disabiling effects, and it own interest primarily I have him that I could not agre his being issued with a licen

The Duke has not ridde Britain since falling on his horse, Nereo, in last year's ( National. Ris injuries the broken thigh and damage to head put him on the critica

The Spanish nobleman a family pedigree goes back 1464, has broken simost e bone in his body in falls in bone in his body in falls in past. Three years ago, he has screws saken out of an injuly a week after having by his collar-bone. In the same at Chelfenham, he broke an and fractured his pelvis.

He made his first attemp winning the Grand Nationa 1952 when his moose Bleef fell and the Duke broke vertebrae. By 1953, when he bales in that year's Nationa had sustained 22 fractures falls.

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In 1974 he rode in the Al race with what was describe. "a leg full of holes" and a week-old-fracture of the thouse. The following year, riding at Newbury, he was he into a rail which led to and broken lee.

There was a storm only a ago when Marie Tinkier, 51-old wife of the Yorkshire r. Colin, was refused a licentride but the Duke was granter Mrs Tinkier, an experienced h woman with many point to successes to her credit, was to ride out three lots at exe each day and many felt her re unjust in the light of the D: allocation. allocation.

Fred Winter, the trainer of Duke's horses in this country,

Duke's horses in this country, on hearing the news: "I very sad for the Duke. I'm he will take the news badly. I feel great relief for his fa and his friends that he will in the future, in this country way, be allowed to risk life limb and cause adguish to pe who feel so much for him."

## Jogger extends:

British run
From Pierre Guillog agnes sur Mer, Feb 25 Veries Bewicke's Jogger 31— Britain's footth win at the Cal-sur-Mer Hat: meeting this when capturing today's £2,900... de Is Rain des. Anges, run ov-mile. Rieden by Guy Guigr Topper held on by half a fe jogger nead on oy. man a fer from Charine Milbank's filly, he Sky (E. Sauvager), with John -lop's Chunde Lorrain (H. R another balf a length away, t

another half a length away, the Apper from Guignard, the concessful jockeys were Rossi, scored a double, winning selling race on Chamba and ing the E2.300 Prix d'Eze Methane, and Tony Murray, rode Arthur Baues's Stog to vie in the Prix de Saint-Blaise.

Young Arthur is powdered wine blac 3.30 PORTLANE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £935: 21m) 3.30 PORTLANE STEEPLECHASE (Hundicap: 1935; 24m)

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2.0 YELLOW PAGES STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,535: 3m) Pendil (C-D), F. Winter, 12-12-0 J. Francome What A Beck (C-D), D. Nicholson, 10-11-3 J. King Evon Up (D), Mrs Gughran, 10-10-13 R. Champion Shifting Gold (C-D), R. Bailey, 8-10-12 W. Smith Brown Admeral, F. Rimell, 8-10-0 S. Morzhead Rathwilly, R. Head, 9-10-0 C. Thorner Gon't Heshale (C), P. Cundell, 7-10-0 M. O'Halboran J. 4.0 RENDLESHAM HURDLE (Handicep: £935: 3m)

Kempton Park selections

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Lucien and Sacha, father and tappeared in London with hanting leading lady, Yvonne is, giving a short season of the under the banner of C. B.

They were acclaimed by the discame immediate favour-the public. Lucien made a trainpression in Pasteur, a which he delivered a long at a decrease in the state as if they were students a lecture. My parents this performance to me in tail, but I was not lucky a see it myself.

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nd act that impressed me
The scene was a hotel bedLe Touquet where he had
e girl for a weekend. As
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Then, suddenly breaking

ion completely, he resumed ally charming manner for the a scene. I watched him most and I am convinced that in id absolutely nothing, moving his face, his hands or his His absolute stillness and the n of his concentrated imagionitrolled and executed with ate technique, produced on girl and on the audience ordinary and unforgettable I knew I had seen a great

was evidently a tremendous ith on and off the stage. It that he could eat 12 dozen supper after a performance. te for his stage colleagues vas not beforehand.) And I a film of contemporary celeincluding Renoir, Monet and t called Paris 1900, compiled , which included a fine closeicien, wearing a wide slouch which an eye glass dangled, to the brim by a narrow oth he and his son were great affecting frilled shirts, fur era cloaks and elegant walkks, obviously proud to be tely recognizable as the shed personalities they were. was enormously talented and turning out dozens of plays, operettas over the years, s directing and acting in most himself. Yvonne Printemps to have been Lucien's ie at first. Whether this was ot, not long after his father's s married Sacha and returned many times to delight Lonvarious pieces artfully cony him to show them both off est possible advantage. e Printemps was a soubrette.

rim, elegant figure, appealiel eyes, and a broad turnednot unlike that of our own
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ething of the same inimitable
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ike Gertie Lawrence, whose
voice, fascinating though it
d be distinctly unreliable and
Printemps' tones were exdelicate and true. She was
stempted, perhaps, to protop notes unduly in order to
her brilliant breath-control,
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ravishingly youthful and in her powdered wig, black eeches and buckled shoes, acha hovered over her with ir authority, not attempting to ng himself, but contributing a flowing, rhythmic accompanith his speeches, delivered in aressing voice.

nother play with music, , Sacha, as the Emperor apoleon III, sat in a stage box, den by the curtains, his great in their white kid gloves, g at intervals to applaud the as she stood on the stage with se; while in the dressing room hat followed, she partied his s in captivating roulades as rmured, in baffled tones of intreaty "venez soupez avec

gramophone records of aps, especially some excerpts Les Trois Valses which unshe never played in London, I give us nostalgic memories of mitable quality as a singer. In Coward's Conversation Piece he wrote specially for her, and she played with success both don and New York, she had to her part in English, parrot, and was considerably ed by her difficulty with the ge, though her best scene at max of the operetta was sung

s only near her once, when she itry were guests of honour on their annual visits, at a dinner-given (rather improbably) by students of the RADA. I timidly ed towards the high table where as sitting, beautifully gowned ejewelled, but Sacha, seated her, guessed my impertinent on and growled imperiously me ne danse pas," at which I bowed myself away with my

tween my legs.

acha was obsessively jealous as band he was also a notorious man, and married again several after Yvonne Printemps finally m to elope with the actor Pierre ty. But she was evidently no less to be somewhat possessive, since she insisted that Fresnay never kiss another woman on age after they were married, e obediently resigned himself to g saints, priests and confirmed lors for the rest of his distin-

ed career.

ily met Sacha on one occasion.

arch 1939 Peggy Ashcroft and I

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# Golden Days by John Gielgud

Below: Sacha
Guitry (right) with
Lucien Guitry
and Yvonne Printemps
in 'Mon Père
avait raison' at the
Porte St Martin

were invited to appear at a gala, to celebrate the state visit of the French President M M. Lebrun, in the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet, part of an entertainment to be given at the Foreign Office in London, the courtyard of which had been covered over and transformed into a theatre for the occasion. It was a tremendous affair, the last of its kind before the war, and I could not help referring to it afterwards as the Duchess of Richmond's Ball. There was a magnificent profusion of flowers, sent from Sir Philip Sassoon's garden at Lympne, masses of azaleas edging the balconies and a positive thicket of madonna lilies dividing the stage from the auditorium.

Before the performance the guests—glittering with tiaras, long gloves and fans for the women, and uniforms, medals and sashes for the men—distributed themselves on small gilt chairs. Everyone rose as the royal family entered by different doors, Queen Mary from one, the Duke and Duchess of Kent from another, and lastly the King and Queen, who conducted the President and his suite (which included the nefarious M Laval) to their armchairs in the front row. We actors dragged ourselves reluctantly away from the peep holes in the curtain and the entertainment herea.

It was a long and somewhat patchy programme, as is usual on such occasions. The audience, exhausted by a long day of official functions—a visit to Windsor, the National Gallery, and a state banquet to follow—became increasingly restive in their tight clothes. Several elderly gentlemen seemed to be in some danger of falling asleep and slipping off their chairs, and we did not feel that our Shakespeare excerpt was very successful, no dowbt we were somewhat inaudible, but we were politely received. Edith Evans appeared with a group of

Sacha Guitry:

enormously

and prolific

talented

distinguished actresses representing the wines of France. The most strikingly effective moment was the entrance of a band of Scottish Pipers, magnificently kilted and bonneted, who swung on to the small stage with a great swirl of bagpipes, marched round it, and swung grandly off again. Everybody woke up and applauded vigorously for the first,

Sacha Guitry had been invited to appear with Seymour Hicks in a sketch written by them both-Hicks was a great admirer of Sacha and had acted in English versions of several of his plays. The humour of their joint en-deavour lay in attempts by Sacha to speak English and Hicks to reply in French, but both actors were exceed-ingly nervous and obviously under-rehearsed. I watched them from the wings as they kept drying up and killing each other's laughs, which were not very plentiful in any case. Appearing with them was Sacha's latest wife, Geneviève Sereville, an extremely young and pretty girl. At the morning rehearsal Peggy and I had been asked to come on to the stage to be introduced to the distinguished visitors.
Mile Sereville was dressed in a very
short skirt, and her stockings were
rolled below the knee like a footballer's, showing a considerable
expanse of thigh. We stammered a
few politie words in our somewhat
few politie words in our somewhat halting French, to which M Guitry, magnificent with his fur collar and gold-topped cane, made suitably gracious acknowledgement. As we moved tured to remark to Hicks "I say, Sir, that's a remarkably attractive girl with 'M Guitry, don't you think? 'And was rewarded by the trenchant comment try acting with her, old boy, it's the cabman's goodbye."





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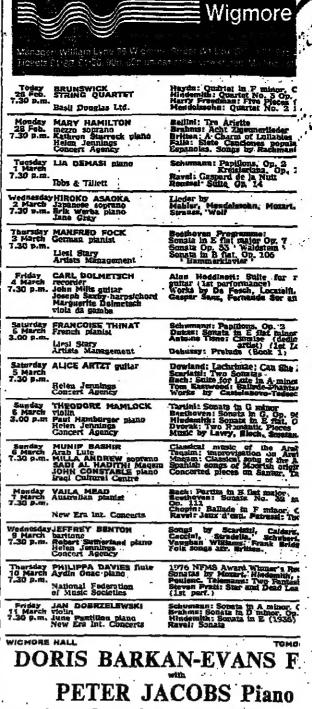
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## Radio **Mysterious Oriental**

the Fiery Snake turned out the most attractive of these national jamborees I have yet heard. On the page of Radio Times it appeared to be the format as before: a collection of standard Radio 3 pieces, linked only by the fact that they happened to be on the same subject. What we heard in fact resembled a continuous 34 hour feature, so persuasively and smoothly linked that the listener was carried from one part of its theme to the next almost without, noticing and whether he wanted to or not. Indeed, hav-ing recorded most of the proceedings, I gave myself an hour to dip; two hours later I was still clamped between my earphones. Piers Plowright, who devised this entertainment, is to be congratulated on making it so much of a piece.

The links were often tiny programmes in their own right— I remember particularly a poig-nant little sketch of the Imperial Family in poverty. But I do not want to give the impression of a succession of good stout couplings with no carriages in between; there was some excellent material here. The White Snake traced the history of a legend old as the Tang dynasty, basis of play and opera but now officially sup-pressed: yet some of the latest, most immaculate examples of socialist drama bear a quite uncanny resemblance to it; you do not lose your past as easily

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New Faces. Film. Thunderball (1965),

Humour is not a characteristic one immediately associates with the Chinese public image, but A Happy Family was a wicked little study of a man sixting down to concoct a short sitting down to concoct a short story for no other incentive than the money he hoped to earn; Alec McCowen's reading extracted every ounce of irony. Written by Lu Hsun who died in 1936, this story might be thought of belonging to an older more fronic China and its humour therefore less surprising, but even Yesterday; a frankly propagandist piece for the 1960s, was lightly and amusingly done.

ingly done.
These national days and evenings on radio always raise questions about their subjects which some attempt to answer usually by way of literary or cultural analysis. The Year of the Fiery Snake was more im-pressionistic than most of its predecessors which did not mean it raised no questionsindeed, as any programme about China must, it raised a million and a half. It did however make very little attempt at answering. Yet to a western listener the puzzles are considerable: what, puzzles are considerable: what, for example, is the connexion between the gentle touch of Yesterday and the viruperative condemnation of traditional drama expressed in The White Snake? The latter with its abusive rhetoric (so and so and "his gang") sounds nothing short of infantle—just as did the recent accusations against the recent accusations against Mao's widow. It makes it very

In the way it was put together, difficult to accept that people Radio 3's celebration of the who can swallow this, to our Chinese New Year, The Year of ears, extravagant rubbish are ears, extravagant rubbish are people to be taken seriously, are the same people who might be influenced by Yesterday. Perhaps they are not. Or perhaps the "extravagant rubbish" emerges only in translation and is to Chinese ears quite different. I wish I understood. I wish also—on a more parochial point
—I understood why Mrs Mao
was presented in The White Snake as if she were vituperat-ing down the phone. Or was this a producer's device to add to the prevailing sense of para-

> a delightful pair of programmes produced by John Theocharis Letters of a Chinese Lady, George W. Scott's selection from the letters of Kwei-Li to her husband told of the changes that were coming over China in the last quarter of the ninethe last quarter of the nine-teenth Century as seen by the daughter of a Viceroy—inevit-able changes but none the more welcome for that. They were marked by a growth of Western influence which was manifested influence which was manuested among the younger generation by such un-Chinese activities as playing tennis or making up your own mind who you were to marry. Placed as they were and nicely read by Carole Boyd, the Letters made apt com-panious to The Year of the Fiery Snake adding to it a more personal and in many ways less distant and enigmatic view of Chinese life.

We have our own national enigmas of course and you might say that the Right Honourable Edward Heath is one of them: his public image is as baffling as a Chinaman, as heavy-footed as a Russian.
Has a period in the political
desert produced some lightening—a touch of Mac to Heath? If anywhere, then urely this would reveal itself in talking would reveal itself in talking of some beggar's opera, which roughly speaking is what he has been doing of a Monday night these weeks past on LBC. The series has been based upon his book Music—A Joy of Life, a title giving rise to hope, but how has it all turned out? The effect when I have listened in effect, when I have listened in, has been both dire and fascinating. The parrative which introduces little chunks of music is heavily laced with reminiscent anecdote—typically a birthday kept at No 10 at which the so-and-so Quartet honoured the occasion by performing this or that. The this or that then follows on—though not too much of it. As a message it has a sort of interest and it is certainly rather different from the ones we've been accustomed from that source. The medium, however, is un-changed; this is the same voice which when it spoke of the nation's destiny had that nation

. David Wade

reaching for off-switch. It sets up quite a dissonance. Ah well

in music a little dissonance adds interest. Perhaps it's all

## Sunday

Be a Sport with Brendan Foster (ITV 11.30) is an entertaining new series whether you watch or take part in athletics, Stephane Audran, superb in last week's film Les Biches, is just as good in Le Boucher (BBC2 10.10), a moving love story, Diana Dors guests in Just William (ITV 4.35) and Young Scientis of the Year (BBC1 4.30) compete for a trophy.—T.S.

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9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan.
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eang. 10.10, Happy Return. 10.35,
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11.25, Trade Union Studies. 11.50,
Medization. 12.10 pm, Your Move.
12.35, The 60 70 80 Show. 1.00,
Farming. 1.25, Other People's
Children. 1.38, An ABC of Music.
1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film:
Mannequin with Joan Crawford,
Spencer Tracy, Alan Curtis.\* 3.25,
Bugs Bunny. 3.40, The High
Chapatral. 4.30, Young Scientists
of the Year. 5.00, Go With Noakes.
5.25, Rob Roy.
5.55 News.
6.05 On the Move.
6.15 It's my Belief. Hinduism.
6.50 Songs of Praise from
St Joseph's Roman Catholic
Church, Chalfont St. Peter.
Yungs.
8.15 Film: Lovely Way to Go,
Sylva Koscina, Eli Wallach.
9.55 News.
10.10 That's Life. There was more of China in

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BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: The Necessity for History; 8.05, Space and Time; 8.30, Foundation Maths; 8.55, Electromagnetics and Electronics; 9.20, The Nervous System; 9.45, Computers; 10.10, The Thirteen Colonies; 10.35, Personality and Learning; 11.00, The University Library; 11.25, The £5,000m Industry; 11.50, Schooling for the Masses; 12.15 pm, Perceiving a Wilderness; 12.40, The Mackenzie File; 1.05, Piecing Together a Model; 1.30-1.55, The Heavens are Telling, 5.05, Rugby: Lancashire v Telling. 5.05, Rugby: Lancashire v Middlesax, Waterloo v Coventry. 6.05 BC: The Archaeology of the Bible Lands.

News Review.

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My Cab is my Cloister:
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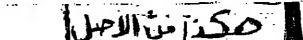
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didly with his voice, especially in the swaggering Dutch, courage of his lust aria. Gobrias is warmly taken by Peter van der Bilt.

The Swedish choir are light, agile and clear-toned; the livelier music goes well, like the famous and brilliant "See, from his post Euphrates flies!" But I wish Mr Harnon-court had brought more vigour court had brought more vigour and spirit to the choruses; the devotional Jews' ones in particular lack weight and intensity, and the fugues have little punch. Somehow his style—does he regard this as church rather than theatre music?—reduces the possibilities of choral characterization. It is all just a little docile for a composer of Handel's substance.

It is good to have Handel's

It is good to have Handel's Dixit Dominus back in the catalogue: written during his youthful spell in Italy, it is his earliest work to show a mas-tery of large-scale choral writing. On this record, first released here six years ago but still sounding tolerably well, Marinus Voorberg and his Dutch forces, adopting fast tempos in the main, catch well the viscous imperiority. the vigour, imperuosity

and imaginative brilliance of the music. As far as I am concerned, my next record may be counted as one-sided. The side I shall sometimes play—nor often, for I find his symphonies incomparably more rewarding than his sacred music is the Bruckner Te Deum. Karajan secures a fine performance, with those repetitive figures and grandly sonorous textures strongly realized and forcefully shaped towards giving eloquence to Bruckner's affirmation. The ending in particular, with a proper blaze of glory for the soprano high C's and the pounding trumpets, gains extra depth from the unhurried and personal quality with which the music leading

vedly excellent, with Anna Tomowa-Sintow ringing and steady in the soprano music, Peter Schreier as clear and refined as always in the important tenor part. Warmly recom-mended, then, for Bruck-nerians, But not for Mozar-tians: the "Coronation" Mass, on the other side, is done with total competence but with scarcely any feeling for its true character, with an inap-positely huge dynamic range and brisk and unfeeling tempos.

up to it is imbued.

Puccini's Mass is an early piece, but many of his stylistic fingerprints are there, and indeed the work was to prove a useful quarry for him later—you will hear pre-echoes of Manon Lescant, Tosca and Suor Angelica, for example. The best thing in it is undoub-tedly the wholly unselfconscious Gloria, with its splen-didly jolly beginning, its appealing tenor aris on "Gratias", its stirring unison "Qui tollis" (in "Va peusiero" tollis" (in "Va pensiero" style) and its brilliant fugal. "Cum sancto spiritu". The gentle sentiment of the graceful, minuet-like concluding Agnus is very characteristic. That Verdi, the Verdi of the Requiem in particular, lies close behind is true; but this is much of the next generation. is music of the next generation, of a young man who was never to be notable for his emotional constraint. Elianu Inbal, his capable soloists and his full-voiced chorus give it full value.

Stanley Sadie

## Records of the month

## Contrasts of deep velvet and high silken sound

Brahms: Piano Concerto No 2. Ousset. Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra/Masur. Decca Ace of Diamonds SDD-R522, £2.50. Brahms: Piano Concerto No 1. Woodward, NPO/Masur, RCA RL 25031, £3.49.

Weber: Piano Concertos Nos 1 and 2: Works for viola and orchestra, and cello and or-chestra. Frager/Moog/Bylsma. Bamburg North German Radio Orchestra / Andreae. PRL 2-9066, £6.98 PRL 2 records).

Paganini: Violin Concerto No . Belkin. Israel Philharmonic Orchestra/Mehra. Decca SXI. 6798, £3.50. Cossette KSXC, £3.75.

Saint-Saëns: Cello Concerto.
Laio: Cello Concerto in D
minor. Fauré: Elegy in C
minor. Schiff. NPO/Mackerras. DG 2530 793, £3.59.

Elgar: The Complete Piano Music, John McCabe, Prelude PRS 2503, £2.99. Paderewski: Piano Pearl GEM 136, £1.99.

Krystian Zimerman: Recital. DG 2530 826, £3,59.

In these inflationary times there is nothing better than a bargain. The catalogue is bursting with good versions of Brahms's second piano concerto. But rarely have I enjoyed a performance on disc with fewer reservations than in the case of Cécile Ousset with the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur. To begin with, this French planist has the prime requirements of strength and breadth for this mighty work. The rapt slow movement is spell-binding, though with a finely impossioned middle secconductor do everything in their power to match Miss Ousser's intuitive feeling for



Krystian Zimerman

this music, and even the en-gineering is outstanding for

time with the NPO, partners Roger Woodward in the newest version of Brahms's first piano concerto. This is a more respectfully traditional perforfinely impassioned middle section. Perhaps a little too much mance than might have been expected from a Glenn Gould-stages of the finale, all delicate grace and smiling charm, but there is a resurgence of energy towards the end Orchestra and an inner strand or two in the first measurement and an inner strand or two in the type explorer so often out to alightly synthetic.
open blind eyes with new light.
Apart from special interest in 150th Todestag, the two disc an inner strand or two in the first movement and an unusually emphatic orchestral bass line for a few bars in the Ramburg North German Radio Orchestra under Marc

Adagio, the reading could even be called anonymous in comparison with strong rival versions from Gilels, Serkin, Brendel and several more. The first movement's dramatic conflict is. muted, and the Adagio seems to lack its halo. The finale is the most impressive

Weber-lovers, curio collectors, libraries and the like. No one could hope for more stylish performances of the two piano concertos, at once elegant, fau-ciful and glistening Frager's pin-point articulation is a constant delight.

With its opening Allegro qualified by the word maestoso (besides an "Emperor"-like plunge into B major for the slow movement) the second concerto is the prouder. Yet nothing could be more mys-teriously romantic and beautiful than the darkly scored

Adagio of No 1. In fact Weber's orchestral writing in both concertos is so frequently more arresting than Chopin's as to make it hard to under-stand why the Pole so often outs the German on the con-cert platform. Marc Andreae also finds unsuspected charm and fun in a Theme and Varia-

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also finds unsuspected charm and fun in a Thome and Variations and Andarie and Rondo Ungarese for viola and orchestra (with Rainer Moog as a winning soloist) besides doing the best possible for an unmemorable Porpourti, Op. 20, for cello and orchestra (soloist Anner Bylsma). No cause for complaint in the recording. recording.

The young Russian violini-t, Boris Belkin, and Austrian cellist, Heinrich Schiff, both make promising debuts-on-disc make promising debuts-on-disc this month in concertor. Belkin (born 1948) is an exuberant virtuoso of the old school, which is to say bent on "mak-ing the music his own." Though not every composer could accommodate his licence, Paganini thrives on it. With open-hearted Israelis under Mehta in support he plays the concerto complete (like the much-oraised Accardo) and much-praised Accardo) and constantly coaxes and tickles your ear with cookrasts of deep volvet and high silken sound besides all the tricks of the trade that once made the world think Paganini had sold out to the devil Excellent engineering.

Even allowing for Paganini's own flamboyance in comparison with composers like Saint-Saëns, Lalo and Fauré, the cellist. Heinrich Schiff, now 25, strikes me as a considerably more mature musician. "The more mature musician. The likeliest successor yet to Rostropovich" so we are told in a newspaper quotation on the sleeve, but even in comparison with that great Russian, Schiff is less given to bursts of artistic temperament, more self-disciplined. His style, highly intense in expression within his control, is ideal for impression-

able but highly civilized Frenchmen, while from his Gagliano cello (Naples, 1781) he draws the loveliest, plangent tone. Charles Mackerras is attentive to balence without apparently inhibiting, the NPO. Alike in programme-building, performance and recording, strongly recommended.

pertormance and recording, strongly recommended. Off-beat adventurers should not miss an assemblage of Elgar's solo piano music com-plete; most of it dating from immature years, much of it belatedly published, and little of it suggesting any real understanding of the instruunderstanding of the instru-ment's true potential—though
"In Smyrna", apparently
brought to a head in the intox-ication of a Mediterranean cruise, would make a pretty
little recital eacore. John
McCabe wisely avoids infla-tion: he will earn the grat-itude of all Elgar researchers
for so renderly and faithfully
putting pieces on record.

Except for those with costly

Except for those with costly treblecut or filter knobs to twiddle Paderewski can only be enjoyed against a fore-ground of frying pan sizzles. Even so, several of those spring-like moments of magic that made him into one of the immortals can still be recog-nized in an anthology of recordings (Schubert, Schu-mann, Chopin and Liszt) made

between 1911-24.
Since prize-winning teenagers have a way of developing into the Paderewskis of the future, collectors should also not overlook the debut on disc of the Polish pianist, Krystian 7 merman, who at 18 won the 1975 Chopin contest in the face of formidable international competition. His recital (recorded during the contest) reveals him slightly less fanciful a Chopin interpreter than the contest of the contest Emmanuel Ax—the recent Rubinstein winner—but with a keenly elert musical intelligence as well as a prize-winner's fingers.

Joan Chissell

## Delicious musical plums

Schubert: Arias and Duets from the operas. Ameling/ Ahnsjo. Rotterdam PO/de Waart. Philips 9500 170, £3.50. Mozart/Rossini : Arias. F. von Stade. Rotterdam PO/de Waart Philips 9500 098,

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been given short shrift by commentators, though he cultivated the genre assiduously the comic opera Die Zwillings- record. brüder, most welcome.

anthology of solos and duets busy in recording studios, conduct the whole dozen, Beefrom six Schubert operas will though too seldom in complete cham only ten in a classic in-

certain. We need to hear, if her Octavian is due) and many possible see, whole works in of us are waiting for her context; the Philips record records of songs by Poulenc though Alfonso und Estrella is recalls her Rosina and Cherufive adjacent musical numbers arias by Rossini's Desdemona from the second act (an and Cenerantola, Mozart's extended love-scene in effect, Vitellia and Sesto (in La clevery fine).

here with their orchestral carino" are typical of an accompaniment. A duet from attractive recital, Die Freunde von Salamanka accompanied with a nice stereo sely recorded for comfort, but a real trill and carelessness three numbers from Die Bürg- about grammatically essential schaft prove most attractive, graces. Vocal charm makes up even Mozartish in the quartet for these, partly, and for some with two extra boy trebles, slithery runs. and at his death left behind 14. The musical plums are cerstageworks, several incomplete. tainly delicious Miss Ameling serom's art will seize grarefully Interest in them seems to be as sweetly alluring of voice as on the Grieg record for a cypireviving nowadays and it is ever, with Class-Hakon Ahnsjo cally versatile and imaginative good to observe this from broad- as lyrical tenor partner (now "Fra Monte Pincio" (his casts, concert performances and then his tone coarsens) greatest, grandest song and the occasional stage and dapper, liking orchestral surely, and for tender, inward support. After revelling in readings of "Jeg elsker deg", "En syane" and other favourites. Andrew Davis, who cannot but yearn for a comthere was a new recording of plete Fierrabras or Alfonso on self, conducts the Peer Gynt

offers only musical plums, and Ives. Her latest offering represented by a sequence of bino on stage, but in excerpts, menza di Tito), and Zerlina, as The soprano ariettas from well as the roles named above. Claudine von Villa Bella may. Her spirited "Una voce" and already be familiar, enhanced sensuously clinging "Vedrai,

Devotees of Elisabeth Söder-

the comic opera Die Zwillingsrecord.

The lovely and talented
Whether Elly Ameling's Frederica von Stade has been
without a choir Gibson

terpretation). Söderström's special feeling for Grieg will sway some loyalties, particu-larly in view of the other songs ("The Princess", whose text Delius fanciers know as "Twilight Fancies", is new to

Glinka's songs are poorly represented in the British record catalogue. Since they throw a special light on his musical individuality, Mr and Mrs. Postmonish waste he Mrs Rostropovich must be voce, and thanked for devoting half a record to some of them, which they interpret with irresistible love and sensibility. The Rachmaninov side contains familiar songs, to me less sympathetically performed though some times, when exaggeration is put aside, pure, simple artistry reveals the music quite afresh and memorably.
Ingvar Wixell's recital of

Verdi arias is skilfully chosen, ranging from Atilla to Falstoff, a superb but not always obvious collection of the great baritone show-pieces. Wixel's voice is, of itself, not really beautiful, but a vehicle for musical art, surging passion, hushed tenderness, the music of sung words, a smooth sculpted vocal line, temperament precisely directed. The voice sharpens and loses focus here or there not seriously. The Dresden or chestra contributes superbly under Silvio Varviso's sympacheric baton.

William Mann

#### Opera at the Wells The London Opera Centre will

Rape of Lucretia at Sadler's Wells on March 15 and 16 and April 1 and 2 and Lully's Alceste on March 18 and 19. The Rape of Lucretia will be conducted by Roderick Brydon and produced by Tom Hawkes. The open-stage production of Alceste has been redesigned for the Sadler's Wells stage by David Myerscough-Jones with William Chappell as producer. choreographer and costume designer, and James Robertson, (also the translator) will con-duct the performances. As be-fore, the thorns will come from

lege of Music production of Puccini's La Bonême in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, on March 22 at Sadler's Wells, Additional performances will be on March 23 and 31. On March 29 and 30 the col-

lege offers a double bill of ope-act operas, Vaughan Williams's Riders to the Sea, conducted by postgraduate student Andrew Penny and produced by Euan Smith, and Brian Hughes's Stars and Shadows, conducted by the composer.

Last March the RNCM Opera Unit and Symphony Orchestra

weut on a three-week tour of Deamark and Sweden. The Royal Academy of Music, the Europa Singers and the Copenhagen, now makes a re-the ballet from the Rambert ciprocal visit to Manchester School Trinity College of Music and London, presenting an opera is providing two separate double bill on March 25 and 26 weylle Marriner will be con-ducting opera for the first time in the new Royal Northern Col-Gluck's Le Cinesi.

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Stockhausen: Trans (two per-formances). South West Ger-man Radio SO/Bour, Saar-brücken Radio SO/Zender. DG

Barenboim's coupling of Haydn symphonies makes an apt starting point for a group of romantic orchestral records. Both works are minor-key pieces with enough Sturm und Drang to justify their nicknames of "Trauer-symphonie" and "La passione", though of course, Haydn being Haydn, passion is elevated in poise. Here the estimation of the balance is usually just, but when Barenboim goes in for special expressive pleading, as he does in the Adagio of No 44 the warmth of his approach is undermined by the strident ing of Dvorak's seventh symphony, and yet how different they sound. The moulded

allows himself to be persuaded as well, where the performance might have been better for a touch of sane clarity. As it is, the piece almost drips at the edges with sentiment. But the symphonic dramas of the third Leonore overture and the fifth symphony are forcefully conveyed, to the extent that demur is impossible. As a demur is impossible. As a recording of a live concert, moreover, the set has infectious excitement; and as a charity release in aid of Amnesty International, for whom the concert was given last October, it deserves success Shostakovich: The Gadfly. USSR Cinema SO/Emin Kha-chaturian. HMV ASD 3309, Haitink's recordings of Schu-

bert symphonies have a more sober appeal, and a considerable one. The winds of the Concertgebouw sound superb, Concertgebouw sound superb, whether they are blending in soft chords or gracing the music with nicely turned phrases that avoid all cliches. But their work would have gone for little if it had not been see into performances paced with unerring skill. I find Hakink's way with the fifth symphony particularly attractive, making it trip along while not intruding on its cool while not intruding on its cool manners. The main triumph, however, is his performance of are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them. Hairink's is one of the first.

Colin Davis conducts the same orchestra in his recordedge of the English Chamber phony, and yet how different appear yet on record. I first they sound. The moulded heard this piece under exceptions such inconsistency shapes encouraged by Haitink tional circumstances which I afflicts the Beethoven double are replaced by open outlines, shall now relate, since my

album conducted by Bernstein.

The Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra may not rank among the world's best, but they respond well to Bernstein's enthusiasm and his very evident affection. In the fourth piano concerto Claudio Arrau allows himself to be persuaded manager of conditions and the composer set so piano concerto Claudio Arrau allows himself to be persuaded manager of conditions and his calm flow by a lively tension. This is a dramatic rendering of Dvorak's greatest symphony, and the feeling of challenge is appropriate in a work by which the composer set so mission and his calm flow by a lively tension. This is a dramatic rendering of Dvorak's greatest symphony and his calm flow by a lively tension. This is a dramatic rendering of Dyorak's greatest symphony, and the feeling of challenge is appropriate in a work by which the composer set so much store. However, Davis manages to avoid making the fast movements sound just furious helped in this by some furious, helped in this by some beautiful orchestral playing. Less troubled paths are trod in the disc of late nineteenth-century French works for vio-

lin and orchestra, recorded by Isaac Stern with Barenboim again, this time conducting the Orchestre de Paris. The best piece here, though it appears on the B side, is Chausson's Poème, which Stern discreetly divulges as a pure reverte, quite without sentimentality. Barenbeim supports with careful attention to the work's subtle variability of pace. In the Saint-Saens concerto there is more of a discrepancy between soloist and orchestra, Stern being elegant while Barenboim-finds something more unsertled in the accompaniment, as if occasionally questioning the violin's easy flow. Faure's Berceuse is a pleasant make-weight.

We arrive at the Twentieth century with some very, very minor music by Skostakovich. His score for The Gadfly, a film of romance and revolution set in nineteenth-century Italy, was composed not long after mamers. The main triumph, the tenth symphony, but unless however, is his performance of the ninth, for which his "Unfinished" offers a preparation. Some accounts of the C major exercising anything like the same imagination, or even taste. Almost all of the music is trite and quite unrecogniz-able as by Shostakovich.

And so to Stockhausen's Trans, composed in 1971 and the most recent work of his to reaction is bound to be coloured by them. It happened in Metz on a dull day in the late November of 1973. Trans was to be performed in the even-ing, and knowing next to noth ing, about the work, I decided to go along to the theatre in the morning on the off-chance that there might be 2 rehearsal. I let myself into the deserted foyer without diffi-culty and then opened a heavy door into the auditorium. Exactly as I did so, the curtain rose and Trans began.

What I saw as the curtain lifted was a string orchestra in three tiers, seated behind a gauze and bathed in misty violet light. They, were playing dense yer ethereal clusters, while from behind came flurries of woodwind, churnings from the brass and stifled crashes from the percus Every so often, more or less regularly, there was a crack and a clatter, pulling the ever still strings to a new chord; this noise, I later learned, was the recorded sound of a weaving shuttle. So the music went out, hardly disrurbed by such things as the sudden appearance of a fanfaring trumpeter above the tiers of strings at one point. It was like a dream. like a dream.

- And in fact Trans appeared to Stockhausen in a dream, complete in every detail. No recording can, of course, be more than a partial represen-tation of such a work, but the first side of the present disc provides atmosphere to make up for the lack of what is an awesome spectacle. The recording was made at the world pre-miere in Donaueschingen, and provides both the sense of a new minting and the often aggressive reactions of the audience. On the other side is a studio recording. Until Trans is staged in this country, these performances will have to do.

Paul Griffiths

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## Getting down to cases

firms are offering wines at special prices, some described as "pre-Budget". This is not because anyone has inside information as to what may be announced on Budget Day, March 29, but because of the working of the December mini-Budget. The "bargains" available often represent real savings because, between December 16 and 31, firms were allowed to clear from bond 40 per cent of the gal-lonage withdrawn in the effect savings. period December 1 to 15, paying on it only the old rate of duty. As might be expected, a lot of wine was cleared in early December, both in read-iness for the Christmas trade self, unless you are prepared and because of fears that the to pay a substantial delivery

mini-Budget would involve heavy increases, in VAT as well as duty. however, the actual price of a bottle of wine is hardly likely to go down. Robert James (79, Aslett Street, SW18), whose list is always of great interest, accompany it now with a sucthat, since they brought out this descriptive list in the autumn, there have been the following increases: 15 to 30 per cent in the basic cost of many lower-priced wines; 12 some may take a few days to per cent in carriage and insurance; 10 to 25 per cent in bottling materials; 10 per cent in excise duty, 10 per cent in freight—and, of course, substantial rises in their own running costs. It is not possible to a surface these control of these interested hence. avoid these increases henceforth, but the buyer of wines for everyday or short-term con-sumption should bear certain things in mind when shopping.

of cheap wine. This means that the more you can pay for wine, the more the quality will wine at a time: the cost of sending three cases is virtually the same as for sending a case. For five cases or more, the be what you are paying for, rather than mainly the hanrate goes down significantly. French & Foreign Wines (10 St. James's Place, SW1) advise customers to join together so as to get the benefit of the dling, packing, keeping. But If you buy less than a case "several case discount" and, finish the wine, the this significantly, many firms is simply to recork the report that customers for even In the house of any prodestly priced wines are now or merchant this is of wine at a rime, then it is unlikely to be economic to have it delivered: you should ordering several cases at a practice and a stopper collect and take it home your-

charge. Many firms will not accept orders for delivery of Purchase of a case of wine less than a case, the majority usually means a discount and this is often also made on a mixed case of wines, though it is not always possible to offer it on a case that is a mixture of both wines and spirits. But it is worth asking about this when you order. Cash with order, whether in the form of a cheque or actual money over now cannot send, single bottles-the cost can be more than the price of a bottle. So, ideally, have a retail source of supply for everyday wines where you do most of your shopping and can easily take bottles home. Or, if possible, buy from a merchant who will deliver free of charge within a cheque or actual money over a cheque or actual money over the counter usually gets a discount as well—the buyer gets the benefit because the firm is not involved with the bookkeeping or extending of credit; remember, this applies even when you have an account at a wine merchant, or if you can have an account at a wine merchant, or if you can have an account at a wine merchant, your area—many firms still manage to do this, although some may take a few days to make the delivery, because their orders have, naturally, to so, if you can pay at once, it will save you something.
There are now many repu-

table wine merchants running special cash and carry outlets, including the old-established Balls Bros., at 313 Cambridge Fearh Road, E2, and Laytons the capital will be about £1.10 per case, but, although the including the old-established firm may simply make this sin-Balls Bros., at 313 Cambridge gle charge throughout the Heath Road, E2, and Laytors United Kingdom, it can cost 13 have just opened one at 20

Most people are aware of the fact that the costs involved as regards labour, duty, despatch and so on are essentially the same for a bottle containing expensive wine as for one of chean wine. This means that wine at a time the cost of the cost of

half bottles. Not only labour involved with them virtually the sam handling a bottle (so r are seldom merely l price of the bottle), wine in them is unlik-to be quite as good. I be of interest but, if y finish the wine, the thi time, appreciating the saving such as that used i on delivery charges and, of sherry bottles—can b course, getting the case distributed in ply count. difficult to put back, the trend in the Unite dom now follows that

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will cost less, proporti Wine in bulk packs lon or two fitted with can prove an economic chase, as it will last for three months at least Baillie Vintners, 20 St hay West, Exercer, Devo first-rate wines in pac-Lockstoke Ltd., M Sussex, have another range, both of them contified as well as table (Lockstoke, as who) camor supply fewer th packs at a time, but pri under £8,50 a pack fo wines, £9.54 for South sherry.)

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## Gardening

## How to make the worms turn

Long standing readers of this in the North cannot last very connexion with the special column will remember how for long and at least we have a good many years past I have called attention to the Canattention to the Candlemas day legend, and if you checked the weather on February 2 again this year you

sneaked through most of February, which is the month I fear most as far as the weather is concerned.

But the exceptional rainfall will know it was "cloudy with of the past six months, while rain". So, if the old legend highly welcome to the water holds good "winter is gone and won't come again". Certainly, even the cold snap now tioned several weeks ago in

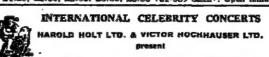
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During March we will be having a special offer again of
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cheap and popular general fertilizer. So, if you can be generous my your garden this recoerous to your garden this year, giving it as anuch organic manure as you can afford, and keeping plants growing happily with a general fertilizer; I am sure 1977 is the year when such an investment will pay off handsomely.

It is too early to say whether the recent mild weather will have been favourable or not to pests. It would be nice to chink that many of them have been lured out or hatched out earlier than usual, and that one or two sharp cold spells would put paid to them. For this we must just wait and

One pest, however, that caused a lot of trouble, especially on potatoes last year and in my garden the year before is the cut worm. Wireworm is selective weeds that we commot a common cause of damage to such weeds we like to fertilizer first to encounter. potatoes, especially if these the fertilizer first to encer-have been grown on ground the grass and weeds to go previously covered with turf. previously covered with tarf.
Some years ago I acquired a piece of pasture land adjoining weed the more of the my garden, and for several killer it will short it years wireworm were trouble some. Just as we got on top of them the cut warms appeared and played havor with sweet in April and May.

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Given any reasonable fine begonias coming and weather, and if the ground is lardias, helichryshment too wet to work. March permiss, sudhecking can be almost the busiest and verbenas. month of the year, there is so much to do.

First, finish any digging that needs to done.

Have shears or secateurs sharpened. Have the lawn mower or cultivator serviced as soon as possible. Tuere is already a waiting list at many service agents. service agents.

If not already done, set seed potatoes up to sprout in trays in a light, frost free place. Plant seed potatoes under cloches or in pots or other, containers in a greenhouse or cold frames about the middle of the month. Plant early and second early potatoes in the second early potatoes in the open towards the end of the month, but wait until April in cold exposed districts and in the north. Sow radishes, turnips, peas,

broad beans, lertuces, onions and carrots in the open, or under cloches if available, to hasten the harvest. Plant Jerusalem artichokes, shallots and onion sets.

Lift and divide clumps of snowdrops and crocuses; after they have finished flowering if wish to increase their numbers. Sow sweet peas, calendulas, cornflowers, clarkias, eschscholzias, candytuft, nigella, in the open when soil is, work-

plantations of root co-will protect all root cror such pesses as cabbage ro carrot fly, onion fly, cut leather jackets, mill leatherjackets, mill wireworms and symphi wireworms and symphil does not taint the root tables and so can be name any food or ornamental canoning the exceptional weather is green algal on woodwork, gates, and on brick or stone 1. This can be very damas

wood and dangerously a on paying I get rid of woodwork by paintin spraying on clear or co Cuprisol, or where the no plants near the woo. creosote. On paving or paths Jeyes' Fluid will a of the algae.

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encouraged moss on lawn several readers have act whether they should be moss before applying a fertilizer, or leave the until later. I suppose the thinking about the usually given about weeds that we control selective weedsillers.

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To Farm Manager (Dept.

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Eyus plants, remove we apply a fertilizer, and fork the borders over lightly.

Lift, divide and replant herbaceous plants if you wish to increase your stock of any of them. Throw away the worm our centre part of a clump and replant only strong young shoots with healthy rosts from the outside of the clump.

Order, or buy from a nursery or garden centre any new plants, roses, shrubs, trees of fruit bushes you may wish to round a wingwam of them plants, roses, shrubs, trees of flowers to within about the with gerden sundries at the flowers to within about the stricks, and remove gly, old or superfloous entirely.

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in the Mara Game Cenya. A prolonged llowing five years of age rainfall had into a brown arena, reminiscent of a hi view of the deprelephants who seemed laid waste any thorn tree they

eir trunks on. After and certainly to the pments of the Great away, but clearly a the vantage point ara Serena Lodge, is are perched like nd several hundred the plain. Below us atiral amphitheatre. dge, and even more nager Tony Pascoe's lab, you can sit and your binoculars roll-call of game—
o right—elephants, rater buck, impala, gazelles,

ies have both a baby mongoose, just in ligenous snakes find into the bathroom. or greatest danger be the buffaloes, the ladge as we c from the dining I their bovine looks ents they are quite

two other longes two other longes of id service; but em can really comthe astonishing the Serena Lodge. game, it is always wherever you are, ally manage to see. t dawn patrol we it of our find at its spoilt the meal of a young Ameri-to be content with elephants and game. In Africa it quickly becomes

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You can go from the Mara plain up into the mountain forests of the Aberdares (11,000 forests of the Aberdares (11,000 feer and more); climb Mt Kenya (17,000 feet); or traverse the deserts of the northern province to the lunar landscape of Lake Turkana. There is the lush farming territory of the old White Highlands, bird sanctuaries on the lakes (really quite pink with flamingoes) or the full tropical climate and Arabian flavour of Mombasa and the resorts of the Indian Ocean.

Nairobi is apparently short of hotels, more so since it has become a popular capital for international conferences. A return flight from London on a British Airways Jumbo would cost over £560, and internal travel in Kenya either by sir, the railways, or the local air charter companies is alarmingly expensive with an exchange rate of only 13 Kenya shillings to the pound. If you want to encompass a tour which takes in encompass a tour which takes in Nairobi, the game reserves and the coast, it is easier to book a direct package tour in London where a two week whirl round the British Airways Associated Hotels—safaris, seaside and all—will cost about £550.

Nairobi has come a long way from the days when a practical joker left a late-night party at the settlers' Muthaiga Club and quietly deposited a load of ele-phant dung down Delamere Avenue, startling the citizens of the little capital into the belief that they had had an elephantine visitation during the night. Today Delamere is now Ken-yatta Avenue, the Muthaiga is multi-racial and apolitical, and Nairobi, while retaining its beautiful gardens of bourgain-vilia and gum trees galore, has shot up into a thrilling city of Africa—bursting with goods, reffix and supplementary and supplementa traffic and a welcome absence of any bitterness 13 years after the end of British colonial rule. . The Neirobi Serera Rotel is what you might call the flagship of the British Airways fleet. It has clearly profited from its association with the Aga Khan (a joint interest) into securing the most coveted site in town right in the middle of the central park yet only five min-utes walk from Nairobi's shop-

ping nexus. Kenya's prosperity and pro-western stance has created a self-confidence in Kenyans and a lack of rancour against the former colonialists which is rarely encountered elsewhere in dvantage of Kenya Africa. Here your restaurant is that it encomany climatic, culsological varieties, farm; while, in contrast, the

turday Bazaar



jockey club at Ngong race course still sports on its race card names like Cavendish-Bentinck and Markham which might have graced notice boards at Newmarket 200 years ago.

One drawback of going to Kenya on an economizing pack-age is that you would miss the experience of going to the coast by train. Take any African train with its narrow gauge and slow, bulbous unusually com-fortable coaches, and you have to leave impatience behind on the platform. The station signs all include their altitude, which is a nice rouch as you drop 5,500 feet in the run down from Nairobi to Mombasa. And somehow every departure has an epic quality to it, reminiscent of more momentous journeys across the Dark Continent when both railways and the European penetration of Africa were in their infancy. Even last November screral coaches of this express plunged off the line when the train encountered a bridge which had been washed

away by torrequial rain.
At the coast, however you get there, a different non-African world incrudes. Since the rape of Zanzibar, Kenya's

own Araby in the narrow streets and studded doors of her coast towns—right up to the jewel of Lamu Island—has rather come into its own. Suddenly we are in the tropics. The sea is the same sea though so blue now that it is almost painful; and the sand is as white as the sea is the sea of the sand the sand it was a private the sand it was a private time the sea. blue, only this time the pain is real as it is much too hot for bare feet in the heat of the day; the palm trees, as always, look just how they do on every

There is a bus service right outside the Serena Beach Hotel which takes one the 20-odd kilometres into Mombasa, if the studiedly autarkic set-up at the hotel has still inconceivably failed to satisfy all one's wants. There is much shouting and laughter, as much from machine as from man, before the bus clatters over Nyali bridge into Mombasa. But who would pass up a two shilling ride when a taxi over the same course costs 50; besides the heat on the coast is such that if you haven't gor enough time to go by bus, you have not got enough time you have not got subustantion your journey in the first

Ironically, you now do better

trude late this sun-drenched idyll. If you find yourself anywhere near a public building at six o'clock (sundown) and the building is equipped with national flag and flagpole, stand up and stand still when you hear a whistle blow; any whistle. On reflection, it might whistle. On reflection, it might be wise to stand up anyway, even if you can't hear a whistle. My wife's quiet reverie on the grass of a Mombasa square was interrupted by the peremptory tones of an over-zealous police. constable arresting her for in-sulting the President. The offence: not standing up when he blew his whistle and lowered. the flag. She was led off with four youths in similar diagrace, and spent an hour or so on the wrong side of the cell doors,

before they let har leave the local police station. It all made the postcards home more in-Charles Douglas-Home Economy return fare: £563. Economy excursion valid 1945 days: £376.50 Beach holiday in Mombasa from: £295.00 return Safari holiday from: £515

I was amused to find among my notes a 20-year-old paragraph from a magazine which purported to give the latest scientific plays: "It is fair in say that every expert agrees on leading the lowest card of his partner's suit from three in the king or queen, and the majority of experts lead low from three to the jack or ten." I was too astounded by this assertion to rebut it when it was made; but, if years later, I was compelled to discuss the opening lead in Winning at Rubber Bridge because there are many occasions when the choice of card is vital to the defence. My conclusion was that standard leads are unsatisfactory; "Experience alone will guide you... and it may be advisable to play an honour when opening in order to retain the lead."

It is especially important when paymer has made a defen-It is especially important when partner has made a defensive preomptive bid to lead the top of his suit because he is unlikely to take more than one trick in it and the contract may depend on the choice of switch

trick in it and the contract may depend on the choice of switch it a defender remains an play. I cannot give a better example of the need to lead the top card from three in the king of partner's suit than the deal which I selected for my book.

Game all: dealer West.

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South's ill-dined preemption in Hearts diverted his partner from leadin" the \$J which

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would have produced two spades and one diamond trick to break the contract. Four No trumps by East was a lay-down and at rubber bridge Iwo, No trumps was superior to One Diamond as a response to the opening One Club. But that is by the way.

North led the V3 as he had heen trught and gave away the game. Declarer seized his chance to disconnect the defenders and played low from duniny, reserving his VA for the discard of one of his losers. South on play with the VJ was now powerless. He returned a heart on which declarer threw a diamond; it was a matter of moments to draw trumps and with the diamond for the eleventh trick. If North had not swallowed all that he because East had not swallowed all that he with the declarer with the second of the had not swallowed all that he with the second of the had not swallowed all that he with the second of the had not swallowed all that he with the second of the had not swallowed all that he with the second of the had not swallowed all that he with the second of the had not swallowed all that he with the second of the had not swallowed all that he with the second of the had not swallowed all that he with the second of the head heer trught provides the second of the head heer trught provides to the head heer trught provides the head heer tr had not swallowed all that he had been taught about defence his lead would have been the OK. Declarer could not then afford to duck in dummy because of the menacing spade switch and he would later he switch, and he would later be unable to deprive the defence of

The opening lead of the jack or ten damages the defence when it presents declarer with a second guard in the suit. Alternatively, the lead of the lowest card from either of these honours may suggest to partner that the lead is from three to the queen or king, and cause the suit to be blocked. I would never lead the lowest card from the ten, even if I had not sup-ported the suit, unless I had four cards in it; the danger of confusing partner is greater than any possible benefit from a belated control.

An aggressive expert had great faith in weak opening bids by third player; his partner had studied his methods and this is how they lost a game. North South game; dealer

whole event is entirely a product of British initiative.

. To be precise, it is a product of the initiative of that great Midlands chess enthusiast, Rif-

system for a tournament was regarded as something mysteriously evil by quite a number of otherwise knowledgeable chess-playing countries. The Russians for instance, who seem to have equated the system with Milton's grim "two-handed engine at the door", refused to send a representative to Bir-mingham.

Guiding the defence

West North East South
No. No present to the AK
and East returned the AZ won
with the AQ. Hoping to steal
a diamond trick before cashing
his clubs declarer boldly led the
CK taken by West who
returned the AIO. Any defence
that existed was now destroyed
because East was forced to win because East was forced to win with the AA and could not make the long spade or manufacture another trick. Declarer cleared dummy's diamonds and

made game.

The bidding and play have the appearance of being elementary, but East and West had more than once won the European championship. West explained to me afterwards that he felt as if he were sitting on a volcano when his parms opened One Spade third in hand, and they had arranged that he should always lead his lowest from three to an honour. West would have been better advised to lead the ten which East would have ducked, and have ducked again if West played a second spade. North played a second spade. North could then have been held to eight tricks. There is little to be argued on behalf of discurrangement which does not discurrangement which does not discurred the second space of the second three to the ten from the leadwhich announces the presence of the jack, queen or king.

Edward Mayer

#### Good Food Guide

## Eating at theatres

The violinist Georges Enesco (according to one of Rubin-stain's stories) was once bullied into playing the piano for a cre pupil's debut recital, and at the last minute got his friend Alfred Cortor to turn the pages for him. This enabled the Figure critic to remark next morning on "an extraordinary concert, in which M Enesco. whom we adore as a violinist, played the plane, and M Cortot, whom we adore as a pianist. turned the pages, while M —, who should have been turning the pages, played the violin?. The tale is apposite to the

the tale is apposite to the problem of restaurants in theatres and concert halls. Actors and musicians—and even their critics—are often excellent cooks, whether through native creativity or because their spouses, if any, object to the hours they keep and decline to cook dinner for them on their return. Likewise, waiters in restaurants are often at pains to let you know that if things had turned out otherwise, they would have been on the stage. Whereas the cooksor their administrators so often give the impression that their proper vocation is minding the street of

ing the stage-door. Perhaps it is unfair to judge . the new National Theatre
Restaurant on its early performances, and one should at
least make clear that the Good Food Guide's critics were not invited, at least in that capacity. But curiosity, coupled with the desire to see what had become of kenneth Tynan's oftenexpressed desire to keep the place out of the hands of the

catering philistines prompted a The setting shaped like the apple wedges of a tarre aux ponimes, is not happy. Concrete may inspire an architect or improve the mind, but it does little for the gastric juices, and there are draughts, conveying kitchen smells. Hearts sank immediately on reading a routine Franco-Iralian set menu (£3.95), described in French : so much for national pride in this quarter. The butter, which ought to have been French (for want of a better English alter-native), was a well-known brand of foil-packeted New Zealand. There was no brown bread, either with smoked eel on the first occasion or with whitebait on the second. The service was casual in the extreme: "with three tables occupied, it took three attempts to get the bill"; "the wine waiter couldn't be bothered to change the wrong

drinks he brought to the next door table". The place durifully obeys the mysterious laws of restaurant chemistry which ensure, ninetents of the time, that everything will be consistent with first impression of minor details. One visitor already reports stale fats. Every now and then, someone in the kitchen clearly raises his head and produces something freshly cooked and interesting: plain roast lamb, fair minestrone, medallions of venison that arouse positive enthusiasm. But he is promptly slapped down by the alter ego who is responsible for the sweetish but vinegary sauce for pork chop charcutière, or for black cherry flan of which the Guide's man drily observed: "The Festival Hall would have hesitated to serve it."

(for food and wine, that is) at the Old Vic than at the National. Barry Succiffe does-much of his own cooking for the cosy wine bar here, which looks inviting with its check cloths and long buffet stand, end presents an animated scene at a late lunchtime if you want

to meet or exvesdrop on actors in rehearsal as well as eat. When a play is in production, the place reverts to being a theatre bar in the evening, with the same food served for two hours before cuttain up. (There is no record so far of a visitor with a Necional rather than an Old Vic ticker being turned away.) The bar's hot-place system does not work well, and you are better off with selads chicken supreme with 2 very oniony soubise sauce (£1:60) and a game pie (70p) as high as a catwalk were bosh good when tried, and the service is obliging. You may drink Hugel's Gewürztraminer or

other interesting wines at about

£2.30 a bottle. The other most significant new arrival among theatre res-naurants lately is at the Royal Exchange in Manchester. The ingenuity with which a new theatre has been suspended within the old Exchange has been much remarked, and productions seem to have been sunnily received by the crisics so far, perhaps because the management had the good sense to snap up for the kitchen Mr Roy Pegram, whose Fountain Inn at Tintern was an up-aud-coming place in the Guide's Welsh section a year or two

The room is pleasant, with reminders round the walls of the companies that used to trade in the building, and when tested. service was brisk, as it should be in a restaurant serving a theare. The dinner, though it fell off somewhat at the sweet stage, was consistently interesting: an excellent galantine of pork laced with herbs and serpork laced with herbs and served with crusty brown bread, with herring fillets in sour cream among the possible alternatives; a vaguely Indonesian chicken dish with ginger andfor a wonder—fresh pineapple; filet de boeuf sauce poivrade, cooked rare, and properly fiery; and a fairly recalcitrant gateau de chocolat aux amandes. Others report well of Mr Pegram's report well of Mr Pegram's soups; Moroccan motion stew with apricors, mousseline de crabe au madere with a sauce containing horseradish, wainuts and lemon, and other dishes. Wine prices are kept down to a fair level, with Sanvignon or Roussillon ar about £2, and .70 claret under £3. The place is, of course, open to the general public as well as theatregoers.

Naturally not all-theatres—or theatrical towns—can boast good restaurants, and theatregoers have to solve their pr lems some other way. Near London's Shaftesbury Avenue, Lee Ho Fook's branch in Macclesfield Street does quite a brisk, trade in the early evening with their succedent plates of barbe-cued duck, rice and Chinese cabbage, which can be ordeted, earen and paid for in half an

In Greenwich the good news is that Hannah Wright is back cooking at Richard Moy's Spread Eagle Restaurant, after a period of ups and downs. They cure their own ham, preserve their own fruits, and take their own ice-cream at 'this house, and though the bazelunt ice was in fact disappointing when tried the other day, the fault was more than made good by the quality of the main dishes: not just the honest Susser steak (£1.80) but ambi-tions salmon en croute au beurre blanc (£2.45). The pastry was crisp, the fish fresh and der), 1977.

moist, and the beurre blanc, though rather stiff, had the right sharpness. Orders are taken here till 11.30 at weekends, half an hour earlier Monday to Wednesday.

Michael's on the Bristol waterfront is open even later, and the dark green and mul-

waterfront is open even later, and the dark green and mulberry decor would be a stage manager's delight. Indeed, if an Oscar Wilde production were looming, Michael McGowan would have to look out for his opergnes, chaises longues, portraits, and stuffed birds—not to mention his own victue. For an untrained chef, Michael's food is by various accounts consistent and efficient as well as imaginative. An inspector who is fussy about his pheasant was pleased by this version in cream and brandy sauce with green apples; geniuses almost always seem, brandy sauce with green apples; paella and kidneys lyonnaise though hardly late night dishes, perhaps—are well worth trying. So are the vegetables and ice-creams. Moreover, you are invited to choose your own table, and requested to smoke in the bar only-two civilized touches. that many more "professional" restaurants have yet to adopt. Another stagy—rather than theatrically connected—restau-

rant has rumed up lately in Newcastle upon Tyne. Peter Gowling's Moorg researant with its Art Deco interior, planist, and little dance floor with wicker chairs tends to make seen—"or in the inspissated gloom, failed to see "—the drink prices. But Mr Gowling has found a chef who can make or mushroom sence for venison, or mushroom sence for venison. or mushroom cance for pousing so small as to be emotionally disturbing; and even sherry trifle, always a risk, had been properly made, although it was sparing with the sherry. But you might have to run from the theatre, for last orders are at 11; and reckon on staying to the small bours, for they are slow bringing the bill.

National Theatre Restaurant, National Theatre, South Bank, London, SE1, 01-928 2033. Meals 12-2 (from mid March: Wednesday, Thursday and Sarur-day), 5.30-11.30 (restricted menu 5.30-7.30). Closed Sunday.
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## Chess

## The young lions

One of the most interesting and productive of the events run under FIDE suspices is the Junior World Championship. By its very nature the tournament tends to produce keen fresh chess in which the young talents sparkle like newborn stars. They know they are But the English record is much greater than appears at first glance. Four players have come second, in the event and this is a considerably bigger total than that achieved by any other country. Moreover, the very first championship was held in Birmingham and the whole event is entirely a proborn stars. They know they are the life-blood and precious master spirit of world chess and their play reflects this happy knowledge.

even to the unjaundiced eye, conceited and proud almost to the point of arrogance. Hence Diesen's modesty and good bearing came as a most refresh-ing surprise and I think all those who knew him at Hast-ings are unashamedly glad that he is now a world champion.

Oddly enough, his chief rival in the event was peither the Russian master Vladinirov nor the British champion, Mestel. It was a higherto quite unknown Czechoslovak named Fracnik In the end Diesen just man aged to win the title by a half-point. His score was 10, Fracnik was second with 9; and the Israell, Grinberg, who had indeed already been known, come third with 9. Vladimirov shared in a four-way rie with Leow (Singapore), Campora (Argentine), and Sisniega (Mexico) with 81 each. And the British champion,

where was he? Way down in the list with 74 points. Such a reverse was quite unexpected. Jonathan had come third in the previous Chempionship tournaprevious Chempionship tournament and, as recently as last August, had practically walked away with the British Championship. But somehow or other he never seemed to get going in the Junior World Championship. That he is a player of great promise has been made abundantly clear. But this also applies to his variability in form. One hopes variability in form. One hopes and expects that time will remedy this defect.

The importance of this World Junior Championship event can hardly be overestimated. This last one was the fifteenth in the series and of the 15 world champions that have emerged no less than 10 have become grandmasters, the remaining five being international masters. And, even more striking, two have become senior world champions, Spassky and Karpov. It is an interesting exercise

to try to disentangle the relative followings. The Sowiet Union has produced four junior world champions: Spresky. If 5 P.K5, Q-R4 ch; 6 Kt-B3; Kt-K5 with good counter-play for Black 5 . . PEP 6 QEP P-K3.

world champions: Spreake, Karpov, Belyavsky and Chekhov. Yugoslavia is close behind with three: Ivkov, Parma, and Kurajica; Argentina has two, Panno and biclicki and the United States of America has Lombardy and Diesen. Four countries have one each; Miles (England), Kaplan (Puerto Rico), Gheorghiu (Romania) and Hug (Switzerland).

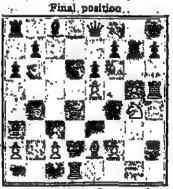
But the English record is After this weakening move White's attack proceeds on offed wheels; a better line of defining was 6 - P-KKt3. 7 8-K-5 B-K2 9 P-KR4 Kt-B4 8 0-0-0 0-0

Here a game in the 1974
Soviet Chempionship between
Kuzzuln and Kupreichik wert
9...QR4; 10 BxQKt, BxB;
11 BxKt, PxB; 12 P-KKt4,
B-B3; 13 Q-K3, QR-B1; 14
K-Kt1, KR-K1; 15 P-Kt5, with
advantage to Winte.

The opening up of the KR fl's leads to speedy disaster for Black. He should have tried for

a counter-attack by 14 . . . Kt-R5. 15 P.P. R-KKII 17 P-KI P-Q4
16 R-R5 R-Ki2 18 K-R2
Aiming for Kt4 and
eventually B6. 18 Ki-kis Ki-Rā 21 K-ca p-ca 10 Ki-kis Ki-ki ca 21 Gap realgas 20 Parki B-Rō ch

son Morry. The whole chess world owes him a debt of gratitude not only for the conception of the event but also for the remarkably modern way. Black's position is hopeless; even after the exchange of Queens by 22. Q-Q2; 23 Kr-B6; QxQ ch; 24 PxQ, White's attack must break through by was in fact conducted on the Swiss system and in those days a further B-Q3 and QR-KR1. the very notion of using a Swiss system for a tournament was



Harry Golombek

## Here's one of Mark Diesen's games from the World Junior Championship tournament at White: Diesen, Black: Geor-1 P-K1 P-084 4 P-04 KT-BS 2 KT-KB3 P-05 8 KT-B3



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## Memories of the grand life in the vast treasure chest of Mentmore

• An excerpt from an unpublished manuscript by the Marchioness of Crewe (b 1881, d 1967) describing the various houses in which she had lived. Lady Crewe was the younger daughter of the 5th Earl of Rosebery, who was Prime Minister towards the end of Queen Victoria's reign.

When my mother married my father in 1878 both her parents were dead. As their only child she was thus, through inheritance, the owner of Mentmore at the time of her marriage. This house played a great part in the lives of both my parents but we, as children, never spent very long there. We looked on any sojourn in Buckineham-shire as a "visit"; Dalmeny was our home.

My mother's father was the youngest of the four sons of N. M. Rothschild, founder of the English branch of the Pothschild family. Until his father's death my grandfather had worked as a partner in the family banking business. When, rowever, the management of the firm devolved on his eldest brother, Lionel, my grandfather began to give more and more time to collecting works of art —and race horses—and less and and less to banking.

In 1840 he began to buy land at Mentmore, and ten years later he engaged Sir Joseph Paxton as the architect of the house he proposed to build there for himself and his bride. The foundations were already laid when on New Year's Eve. 1851, my mother as a baby of five months old managed, it seems, to lay a commemorative wedged between the marble

house as it appeared to the eyes of a small child; a riot of beauty and richness was every-where; carving, embroidery, marquetry and bronzes dazzled and bewildered senses accustomed to the sobrieties of a Scottish nursety. On either side of the great central hall were high doors of glass in narrow walnut frames. Through one door could be seen the broard marble staircase of shallow steps leading up to a land-ing on which stood scarlet chairs of state on either side of a pedestal surmounted by a marble head.

Through the doors at the other end of this huge room more marble steps were visible; these led down to the South Entrance and so on to the ter-race. On the gilded tables in the - South Entrance were porphyry and alabaster wases and also, for a time, stands on which perched red and blue macaws and a white cockatoo. The discordant cries of these birds and the brilliance of their plumage added to the strange sense of the exodic.

My sister and I generally viewed the wonders of the great hall from above, our heads

these days that such a vast member one day standing in of building could have been put the centre of the hall, alone, colo up for a cost of little more than and consciously trying to con-£15,000—but so it was. But let sider its appearance. Under my is waste no time in considering feet lay an enormous Savonthe economics of building in nerie carpet, cut about in the Mid-Victorian days: let us time of the French Revolution plunge, rather, into the interior and later sewn together again of Mentmore.

It is difficult to describe this High overhead were the three souse as it appeared to the eyes gilt lanterns which had once swung from the stern of the Bucentaur in which the Doge had been rowed out for the annual wedding of Venice to the sea. I remember wondering if they missed the bright foam of the Adriatic in their

present dusty splendour. At the end of the hall stood gigantic black marble fireplace, supported by two white marble rams. Although I had been told that it had been de-signed by Robens, and indeed came to Mentmore from his house in Antwerp, my eyes were more attracted by the silwer life-size figure of the dwarf, Sir Geoffrey Hudson, which stood on its top. Many queer-shaped golden clocks smod on a table in one corner of the room: they, and an Arabic lamp shared with Sir Geoffrey their claims on my children atten-tion, and it was many years before I learned to look with appreciation at the greater works of art surrounding them.

In the gallery—our usual vantage point—hung large Venerian mirrors, and under these were high-backed chairs covered in cream coloured satin

stone in the rising walls of the banisters of the gallery which loose covers of Spanish leather, must have dined in the great house. It seems incredible in surrounded it. But I can re- and I remember the fascination dining-room with the walls hung of discovering the many-coloured fringes and silken knots I had only felt, and hardly guessed at, through the enveloping leather. At night

a new and different beauty a long wax taper, held out at arm's length by a man craning over the gallery balustrade.

When Mentmore was first built and had been furnished by my grandfather with its varied beautiful contents, his

We never heard much about my grandfather in connexion with the house, except that when he returned from hunting glass cases containing Limoges

with Genoese velvet and pictures by Van Loo. On the sidetables were old German figures. I particularly remember one a horse whose rider had the head

of Gustavus Adolphus. This filled the hall. The great head could be removed and re-brocade curtains were drawn placed with that of Wallenstein, and their crimson silk was re-flected in the shimmering light of the horse. This was useful in thrown off from marble, bronze the Thirty Years' War, so as to and glowing wood. The whole the always ready with the victor, room was illuminated by On a small plaque under a torches jutting out from each window in this room are corner. I remember the "plop." inscribed the names of those of each gas jet as it was lit by who dined with my father to celebrate the turn of the

Into his sitting room my forniture in the house, shortly after he married. I have heard that my mother was delighted warred beautiful contents, his many friends came to stay. Here they often encountered shir Joseph Paxton who had progressed in my grandfather's affections from trusted architect to well-liked friend. ed to have been made by I was told that my grand-

mother. Beroness Maver de he used to have a bath in the Rothschild, had generally sat in Limoges Room—a singular the Green Drawing Room, so place to choose. It was on the ground floor and was lined with green silk, a perfect background for the Italian vicglass cases containing Limoges enamels. It led out of the Amber Room—so called because its chief ornaments were amber. It was exciting to go there on hot days and see if the chandelier, also of amber, had melted and was lying on the floor.

So many personalities must background for the Italian bictures and the cabinet of ebony and gold given to Marie de Medici on her marriage, by the City of Florence. But this room the chandelier, also of amber, as a strange choice for my find melted and was lying on different health and her phobia was draughts. As the Creen.

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times as the guilds or street

vendors played for our ancest-ors. A third of all British

ors. A third of all British women visit their high street cathedral of toothpaste and talcum powder every week. But not one in 300 could tell you why it is called Boots. They do sell wellies down there by the hot water bottles, but it surely cannot be because of that

cannot be because of that.

A hundred years age this February Jesse Boot, aged 27, put up his own sign for the first time in the window of a poky little shop at 38 Goose Gate, Nottingham, advertising druss and proprietary articles

drugs and proprietary articles at reduced prices. He was the

son of a farm labourer, who was

a Wesleyan preacher with a taleut for making herbal reme-

dies as well as saving souls. He died when Jesse was ten, and the boy left school soon

afterwards to belp his mother

studied in the local library in

the evenings. In 1877 he took over the shop, and began to put his ideas into practice,

notably cut-price selling and

popular advertising at a time

sinning to have more money

to spend. On February 24, 1877,

he took the largest advertise-ment in The Nottingham Daily

Express. It listed 128 items for

sale, ranging down the alphabet from "Allen's Hair Restorer,

3s 6d for 6s bottle" to "Wood-

house's Rheumatic Elixir"; and

including a number of home-

gestion, and spasms ".

when working people were be-

in her small herbalist business. The boy tramped for miles barefoot during the day, gatherand windows had to be almost hermetically sealed. She could not stand the scent of flowers and knew at once if one had been brought into the room. Smoking was, of course, strictly forbidden.

Her talk was, I believe, extremely brilliant, though I fancy she shared with Diderot the attribute of every gift except that of dialogue. Anyway, after a brilliant seance. she would rise, clap a hat on her head (presumably against draughts) and lead the way to the dining room.

During the last war, my brother lent Mentmore to my husband and me and the Land Army. I remember wendering through the house and found the central Hall filled with histaric ceilings from Greenwich and Marlborough House, and the floor of the Billiards Room covered with the recumbent figures of kings and queens from Westminster Abbey, through which I threaded my way. I used to walk outdoors past the Maze, flanked by hure bushes of sweet-smelling syrings, till I came to the summit of a slope and there, gazing over the view of the orchards that lay below, was the romantic equestrian figure of Charles I by Lesseur, removed from London for safety.

These war-time visitors betokeoed changes — changes which will go on whether we like it or not. I can only echo Disraeli who once wrote: hope prosperity and happiness hover over the towers of Mentmore." I trust his forever be fulfilled. was draughts. As the 1-feed more, it does his wish with was heavily braided and So many personalities must Drawing Room was really a forever be fulfilled.

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once addressed her assembled

women shop assistants as follows: "My earliest recollec-



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#### Sportsview

## Skating on very thin ice

There have been two notable events in sport so far this month: an admission, by people who should know, that the sports facilities for youth in Britain are now the worst in Europe, and the decision by the Greater London Council to help the capital's ailing football clubs.

The depressing verdict on sports facilities surprised few of the youth service workers and sports officials meeting in the new £13m Wembley Conference Centre, but their admission that no remedy has yet been devised is dispiriting.

As for the GLC, one council-lor, apparently a Fulham season ticket holder, argued that watching football must be recognized as part of the fabric of a working man's life; if the Royal Opera House deserved support. why not Craven Cottage or Stamford Bridge? In return, the retenavers-though this was not putting soccer in the rates, it was hastily pointed out—could be given use of various recreaconsi isculties on the grounds.

Which brings us to ice bockey. If the anxious Wembley delegates and the suddenly sportsconscious councillors happen to be passing the Silver Blades ice rink, Streatham, at about midnight next Wednesday, they will find further evidence of the desperate over-use of sports facilities, and a strong hint of where money might be better channelied. The spectacle of 15-year-olds waiting to play ice hockey at 1 a.m. and later poses

In come the speed men

After sweating South London youth-or a sizable part of it -has been coaxed, threatened or swept off the ice and thrust out into the street, speed skaters, the sport's poorest cousins, will be granted au hour's training (they will have come from as far away as Har-low and Brighton) before Streatham Hawks hockey team Conspicuous among

ing. At the Silver Blad-hockey skills and willings stay up until the early he find ice have won him Soi Ice Hockey's Rookie of the award, the captainty o senior league Hawks, an admiration of his hockey men like Tony White

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John Rost and Tony F-ex-Wembley Lions and Bri Tiggrs, and now unpaid unrecognized youth leader Tony learnt to skate at \$ ham—the only rink in London (population as b Switzerland's)—which is much a matter of the su of the fittest. If there is favourable thing that ca said about Britain's rinks that nowhere else can youto be so fast on the bres aggressive in the ruck mercial operators have

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"We come last in the here". John Rost said d a rest period while playin the more senior Streathern American Oxford Univ side early one Sunday mor have travelled to Br Southampton and Grimst find ice. Football clubs f pitch within five miles, but ne ir's 100 miles."

John Curry, packing bein

Rost said it was wors their younger teams, like Grasshoppers, aged 12 emder, and the Scorpions, 15, because they had only hour a week on ice.

Contrary to popular be London Lions three year; did not deal a death blow; hockey. Quite the reverse. all other sports on ice. has been an explosion interest, with more players ever before—and British pl at that. Council-run is centres which include ice: have helped to inject new but London is still a black. Unless someone puts ice of rates, there seems little hot youngsters like Tony Gold

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## Putting a check on the 'outside left'

On the day of Mr Crosland's them, do not believe in the death a meeting took place in ballot box". London that might almost have been designed to pay tribute to the principles that informed and guided his own political outlook and unfailingly distinguished his long services to the Labour movement.

Led by a member of the Government, Mr William Rodgers, and including other MPs, this was a meeting of social demo-crats determined, if they can, to overcome the far left influences now undermining their party-influences sadly at varlance with the spirit of reason and tolerance that inspired and tolerance that inspired Authory Crosland, Philosophi-cally, and in other respects, he was in the line and mould of his old friend Hugh Gaitskell, and his early death is similarly

recent years. The sentiments that moved Hugh Gaitskell and Anthony Crosland are still deeply embedded in the Labour movement. They have not been obliterated; but they need to be asserted afresh if Labour is to recover and retain its historic reputation as a party of liberty,

its enobling tradition. This is Mr Rodgers' purpose. In Mr Gaitskell's day he was prominent in the Campaign for Democratic Socialism. Let us hope that he and his friends will now prove equally adept in protecting the sort of Labour Party which the present leader, Mr Callaghan, would wish to preserve. It is in the interests of everyone that they should succeed-everyone, I mean, except the wreckers,

Trotskvist or otherwise. William Rodgers is a former secretary of the Fabian Society, to which the young James Callaghan (then known as Leonard) was attracted long years ago. It is the ideals of the Fabians and like-minded libertarians that are under systematic disciplined and unsystematic, disciplined and unrelenting attack from a totali-

tarian minority.
As Mr Rodgers was saying:
"The undeniable fact is that the moderates, democratic socialists and loyalists have been on the defensive. The question is really this: is the party to be increasingly in-fluenced by those who care little for our values? The out-

He was too mild, of course.
Social democracy is being
methodically subverted by
political forces quite alien to the instincts and sympathies of the mass of "ordinary" Labour supporters-hence, in part, the defections in elections.

Mr Rodgers also had this to say: "Many people have the impression that the main opposition to our Government comes not from the Tories but from the Labour National Executive Committee. Its claim to be representative is bogus." Mr Callaghan would not quarrel with that assessment.

Even Mr Ronald Hayward, the party's general secretary (and himself a member of the ragic.

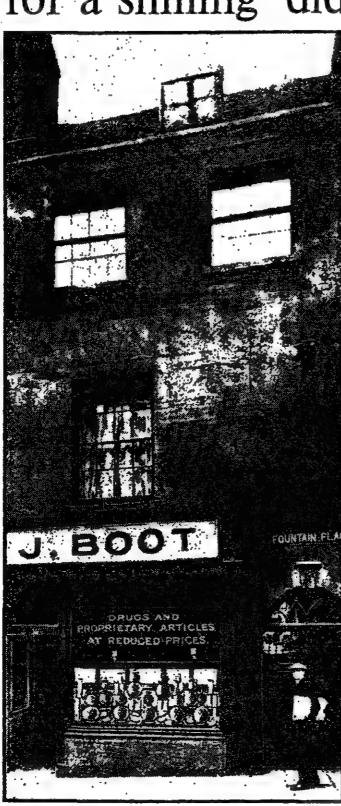
Perhaps the most fitting memorial to both would be a Labour Party in which standards like theirs again became uppermost, as they were until recent years. The sentiments that moved Hugh Gaitskell and Anthony Crosland are still intolerance reveals itself monthly in the growing number of disputes and appeals with which the National Executive's organization committee has to deal. . . . So let us stop this nit picking. Let us stop bleating in every public pulpit available that we are better socialists than our comrades."

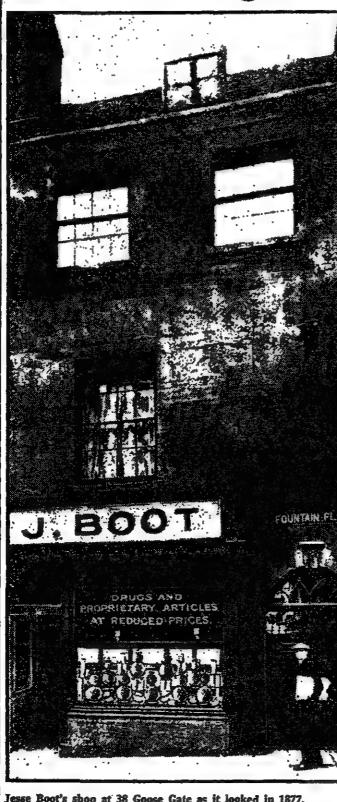
That is all very well-but can hardly be said to meet the challenge, which found stronger expression in a letter to the Prime Minister earlier this month from the officers of the Social Democratic Alliance, Mr. Roger Fox, Dr Stephen Haseler, Mr Douglas Eden and Mr Ronald Halliday.

"We believe", so they wrote to Mr Callaghan, "that you no longer lead a Labour move-ment that is wholly democratic and that elements within it are to the left of, and indeed more pro-Soviet than, some western communist parties. How this unhealthy state of affairs could have come about will be for historians to judge, but we are certain that it has something to do with years of negligent political leadership from with-in our own Labour Party. You have inherited a difficult situation. It might have been different if you had succeeded Hugh Gaitskell 14 years ago". A melancholy reflection— and probably true,

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## What love and 'health for a shilling' did for Jesse Boot





# stationery. She also looked after her staff, and took a high and

# tions are of toddling round the counters at my father's side, and learning from him that all labour was dignified; and that to be courteous and obliging was a great asset in the business

Jesse Boot

world, and that life in a shop could be and ought to be a high calling."

The little shop at Goose Gate

made preparations such as "Boots No Name Cintment", has done well Jesse Boot be-came Lord Trent in 1928, and Boots Aromatic Composition died three years later, after being crippled for many years by arthritis. In his retirement he devoted himself to philanthropy, notably gifts of money and land to Nottingham University of the world and "Boots Patent Lobelia Pills for asthma, indi-These last useful objects were rolled by his sister, Jane, and later marketed under the irresistible slogan, "Health for a Shilling". This was an obvious counterblast to Beecham's Pills, which were versity College, which he wanted to see become a university.

Today there are 1,200 shops
that carry his name. Their sales advertised as being "Worth a last year were worth £647.5m. Guinea a Box".

The best thing that Jesse Boot ever did for himself and his firm was to marry Florence They employ 66,600 staff. It is barely possible for a Briton to imagine shaving, or changing the baby, or curing belly-ache or hangover without Boots. But Rowe, the daughter of a stathis week a hundred years ago it was all just a gleam in the tioner and bookshop owner. She was lively, gregarious, and fashion-conscious, and her enthusiasms led Jesse to divereye of a young man with some home-picked samples, big ideas sify into such lucrative new and a weekly turnover of £20.

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Conspictions among the sung man with some 15-year-old pupil of Beaufoy Comprehensive School, Kennington. At Beaufoy he will be sitting 0 levels in May in art, design and technical draw-

## Question to the Arts Council: what chance the unknown novelist?

The novel is dead, long live the novel. Those who proclaim with monotonous regularity that the novel is dead have much less wisdom on their side than those who, announcing the death of the monarchy, in the same breath announce its continuation. Current economic circumstances, however, do indicate that a few novels at least need a helping hand over the stile.

For those who are unfamiliar with the workings of the Arts Council literature panel, let me briefly, and perhaps over-simply, say that it awards grants to writers to write (extremely laudable) and grants to publishers to protect them against loss on "difficult" books. The acquisition of such a ie the book that is normally grant by the publisher is on an ad hoc title-by-title basis...

Here let me express a credo with which readers of this newspaper might possibly sympathize. Essentially I do not believe, as a publisher and as a businessman (and the publisher publisher) in something for nothing. As a private taxpayer and as a corporate taxpayer I feel entitled to ask for money from the Arts Council since its funds come from my private

those of many others. None the less, I have never

in my dealings with other bodies and individuals, accepted money towards the publication of any book without giving something in return. What I, and I suspect most other publishers, should give in return, is books. The Arts Council's grants to

publishers are based upon the philosophy that they should make it easier for publishers to publish difficult, experimental and essentially uncommercial works of merit. With this, I and most civilized publishers must obviously agree. It is also self-evident that at the moment it is precisely this kind of book, eligible for a grant, which suffers most from worsening economic conditions.

The educated middle-class find it harder and harder to find the money to buy hard, cover books of this kind. Librarians, who must, in the nature of the democratic process, supply books for the greatest good of the greatest number, are under very obvious first novels and experimental

A librarian who feels an obli- library sale " of any deceme book of real quality by the unknown would be presented to those bility that such grants could gation towards the community which is not of obvious com-which pays his salary must in-mercial interest and merit has evitably, in allocating his ever more slender library purchas-ing budget, think very hard about whether he should buy for, say, £3.50 a new novel by Alistair Maclean (who needs no subsidy) which will be borrowed by at least 100 people before it falls apart, or a new novel

by Eva Figes or Paul Bailey or David Plante which is likely to have many fewer borrowers in its lifetime. Support is needed for the work of these and other interesting but at present essentially uncommercial English govelists.

For a good literary first or second novel, one could during the post war boom confidently print 3,000 copies; if it received good reviews one could expect to sell 1,500 to the library system and approxi-mately 1,200-1,300 to the public through sales in bookshops and give 2-300 copies away for regive 2-300 copies away for review and publicity purposes and smerge, if not with a significant profit, then at least without any certain that if they did so they substantial loss.

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lar, if not lower, figures. Of the next novel by Eva Figes we shall print 2,000 copies and because she is an estab-lished experimental writer (if that is not an oxymoron) we can confidently expect to sell some 600 or so copies to the libraries and perhaps an equal quantity to the public. The rest will go in review copies and sales to Eva Figes's fairly substantial

number of admirers. However, the price that we can charge bears no relevance the manufacturing cost. Public taste has not yet caught up with book production inflation and, for whatever reasons,

would not be bought. Today, because of the However, Eva Figes has a straitened circumstances created substantial critical reputation in the world of book-buying by and a reasonable public follow-inflation, the so-called "safe ing. Let us take the first novel

which is not of obvious com- John Smith. In today's climate, mercial interest and merit has the library sale is likely to be probably dwindled to something some 2-300 at best and sales to like 300 or 400, and the sale the public another 200 or so, to devoted members of the mostly the author's friends and, public who are prepared to at the end of the year, nearly spend nearly \$4 on a 200- a rhousand books having cost a page novel instead of on a bottle pound each will be unsalable and worth only a few pennies each. A loss to the publisher, without overheads, of nearly a thousand pounds.

lines as fancy goods, cosmetics, artist's materials, books, and

The economic price for Mr Smith's book is about £8 and that for Eva Figes between £5-£6, clearly intolerable figures that would create a classic vicious circle. If, on the other hand, one

were able to print, say, 3,000 copies, then probably the retail price could be contained at £3.90, but one could only do that if there were a form of guaranteed purchase different from that which we used to get, but can no longer expect, from the public library system. I suggest that the Arts

Council should undertake to purchase between 1,500-2,000 copies at the normal trade discount from the publisher. These copies, with an appro-priate label, inserted by the publisher, indicating the source and nature of the purchase public libraries who would like to have the book but can no longer afford to buy it.

This way a grant is being made by the Arts Council to the publisher. And, since the publisher would pay a full royalty to the author, a grant being made by the Arts Council to the author. In round figures, assuming a retail price of £4, a 10 per cent royalty and an order for 2,000 copies, the author automatically gets £300. At the same time, a generous donation is being made to the public library system

Given their freedom of choice, as limited by budgetary restriction, they would prob-ably have been able to take only 300 copies anyway to conserve their dwindling resources for more popular books.

Above all, the overall chari-

table concept which many people feel to be degrading is thus avoided since the Arts Council would be getting value for money. I imagine that this might appear politically desirable at the present time.

While I realize that it is not always possible for different government bodies to cooperate as well as they might, one should also consider the possibe linked with grants from the British Council on similar lines. The British Council does, after all, have an obligation to maintain representative English-

their print orders to publishers. Since grants of this nature are only given for works of minority appeal, I think I can safely say that there would be few objections from the book trade, as these days the retail book trade is largely unwilling or unable to support this kind

it can say that in addition to having given grants to indivi-dual writers (I do not for one moment want that system to be affected) it will not simply have handed out money to individual publishers, but it will be able to list a select and, I trust, not undistinguished body of work which it has purchased with public money for the public

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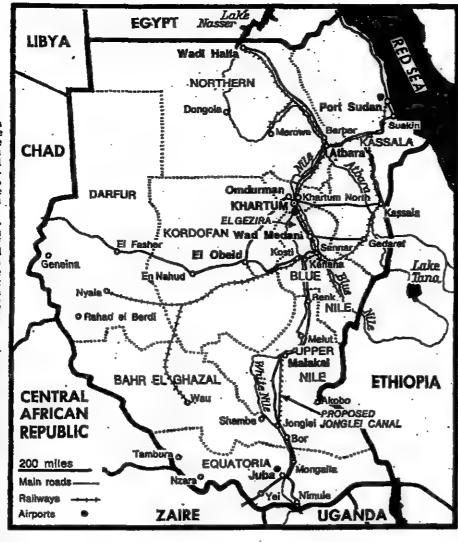
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The state of Kuwait for generous contribution to resettlement, repairing old schools and building new ones together with teachers houses, Tanzania for giving cash sistance during repatriation and resettlement, Abu Dhabi for assisting existing essential services of education and health with cash, Qatar for providing forest equipment, China for their many teams of doctors working in the region since the Addis accord and for supplying drugs during the resettlement, Sweden for providing cash to settle fuel bills to help strengthen agricultural extension work, the Federal Republic of Germany for materials and expertise, a massive animal inoculation campaign, rehabilitation of forestry, saw mills and roads, the Arab Republic of Egypt for expertise, housing programme and Jonglei canai, the British nment for reconstruction of Mundri Bridge by the British Army's Royal Engineers plus material and scholar-ships, the Dutch for assisting in many projects, the Italians for building of the Jur River Bridge and statistical survey and the Yugoslavs for building new regional people's assembly hall and ministries. .

The voluntary organisations Sudan Council of Churches with its allied church groups in assisting in all social and

economic development of the region, the Norwegian Church relief (NCR) for rehabilitation and building of some schools, boring wells to give pure and clean water to people and livestock and a 400,000 Sudanese pounds printing press, the German Caritas for execting and equipping Source Yubu hospital and repairing and building schools and dispensaries. Christian aid for pioneering construction of ferro-concrete 15 ton capacity motor barges on the White Nile banks, the Accross, Catholic relief, accord and others, for their valuable contributions towards social and economic advancement of the country. Recently our President the "Father of Peace-Gaafar Moahmed Nimeri-awarded certificates to the first graduate of the Ox-Plough Training Centre . . . and we send you all our grateful thanks.

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The new Law Courts and the Government Offices will be ready for occupation, Sudan Airways plans to open new ancillary routes from Juba and tarmac roads will eventually link Juba, Nairobi and Kampala. River transport is to expand rapidly—a new generation of self-propelled barges will turn the White Nile into another Rhine or a transport artery of

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## Huge untapped resources attract international attention

by Atef Sultan

soon struck by the immensity of the problems facing Sudan; indeed, when one ventures beyond the capital. the problems may seem overwhelming. Sudan is a vast country with remarkable cultural and economic differences and it is only recently that is has embarked on a serious attempt to develop its enormous natural re-

But Sudan is not yet equipped to cope with the complexities of modern and comprehensive development. serve the present modest level of its economic activity. However, Sudan's huge unapped resources have attracted considerable attention in the international business community. Busi-

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hard to develop its farmfar from adequate even to programme, including a proposal for cultivation of soya beans and maize and other planned projects easier.

> \$240m scheme to irrigate 820,000 acres

To meet immediate needs. Sudan, with help of Arab Sudan's money and western tech-has not nology, is carrying out a affected number of large agricultural projects of which the Rahad irrigation scheme is one of regation scheme is one of the biggest. The project. United Kingdom, Belgium and China.

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Most development projects
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Work on the exploitation
appear of Sudan's mineral resources
bish a chrome mine with an
annual capacity of between

John Garner traces the ups and downs

of the principal agricultural product

Cotton industry faces

a dilemma

cipal agricultural product period during which exports prevent hybridization for industry, its cultivation from both countries were been accomplished or processing provides the maintained only by the in
The winter of 197:

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and Russia, exports of cot- the West advocated the pro-ton provide the main foreign duction of American-type exchange earnings of Pakis- cotton (aiready a proven tan, Turkey, Egypt, much of practicality) on the ground Central and South America, that this type commanded

Cotton restries are of paraingly difficult in the 1960s, and China and were the

and China, and were the influence inevitably lost basis for industrial development in South-east Asia. Yet in none of these is a nation's exporting firms which had commitment to the fibre, its dependence upon its success.

It was British patrousge ing, after the Egyptian pat. Milling which financed, inspired and tern, under the aegis of a World put into effect the vast agri- government supervisory ing ver

area, the Gezira, was self- world has not always needed, fine yarn at the level or merested colonialism in that the corporation has been con- prevailing cotton prices. The interested colonialism in that

the Lancashire spinner fronted with a task that tightness of world supply in sought cheap, assured sup- would have tested the intel- the American types allowed plies of the fine long-staple lectual resources of the most continued marketing of those

perspicacious European

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Cess by which the fibre is the possibility that the detached from its seed, has American, German and However, the British, been greatly improved. The Japanese Governments will architects of the enterprise, doubts as to the wisdom of apply sufficient stimulus to were by then unwritingly growing more American-their respective economies.

were by then unwittingly growing more Americanengineering its first diffictive cottons at the expense to effect an improvement in
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The cultivation of Americhallenge far greater than can strains in the geothat of nylon. The British graphically isolated lesser price concessions that could
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sumer of vast quantities of could not hybridize the
long staple, was among the valuable Egyptian-type seed The author is editor of
first to succumb. Sales to stock, has been greatly Cotton Outlook.

and many African countries, more outlets.

dependence upon its success, more strikingly evident than

cultural irrigation scheme, probably still the largest single farming enterprise in the world, that has been developed in what was once

desert just south of the con-

pill of Sudanese indepen-

had been much expanded by

upon a large dam and canal system, as did the Gezira, but upon mechanical pump-ing of water direct from the

There was indeed a brief period after the Second World War in which the

abundant Egyptian-type cot-ton sold well, finding large outlets for Western European

adjacent Niles.

by speeded up.

around the world had over-reacted to the earlier col-

lapse of cotton prices, and to the rise in food values Cotton acreage was cut back

sharply, and as demand re-

covered. Sudan sold its accumulated stock, even of

Egyptian types; at satisfactory prices. Export earnings in 1976 were the highest on

The crop is picked be

Picking of the 1977 crop

tions, were nationalized. They tween January and June. It were consolidated into four appeared late last summer

exporting companies, operat- that providence was at last

government supervisory ing very rapidly and bids body, the Cotton Public for Sudanese cotton, whether Corporation.

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American type or Egyptian
Those who expected this type, came thick and fast.
move to provide the answer But yet again there was dis-

for the difficulties of market appointment: just as the ing Sudanese cotton were to corporation seemed poised

perhaps burdened, with an on all continents reported abundance of cotton that the their inability to sell further world has not always needed, fine yarn at the level of

American commodity trader, the Egyptian types came to The recent nadir of Khar a sudden and quite unex

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painful self-examination a re-solve to make all sectors of yet more than 400,000 bales the cotton community more of Egyptian types remain

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Much good has indeed represent dilemma. American-sulted. The standard of type prices are again on the "ginning". a factory pro-upture, and there is at least

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tum's experience was in 1974, pected stop.

This will cost about \$475m Under this programme, to develop \$5,000 acres of nearly a third of the total sugar cone on farms beinvestments will go to basic tween the Blue and White public service projects and Niles near Kosti with a pro-

The launching of the Following an agreement AFESD's programme has concluded with Egypt in played an important role in August. 1975, work has begun on the vital 73-year-Now the prospects for the old project to dig the 175creation of a more efficient mile Jonglei diversion canal mising investment in Sudan which is to be built by a French consortium, forms Sudan has been working part of a larger project cost-bard to develop its farm. ing, mining, industry, trans great Sudd swamp and save political stability, the counport and communications metres of water a year to administrative facilities are out the ambitious AFESD land and will expensely the countries of gate an estimated area of

2,500,000 acres.

The canal, which will link the southern towns of Jonglei and Malakai, will also considerably improve navigational supply routes in the south as well as with in the south as well as with the north.
Sudan is also developing

its industry to achieve self-sufficiency in principal consumer goods. Besides the rapid growth in the sugar industry, other industrial efforts are concentrated on the development of textiles Ten textile plants are being built with the help of the

plant, which is built with financial help from Britain

province also will be devel skilled workforce are emerg. Khartum's main uped and output is to be ing as large numbers of the satellite station. increased from 25,000 tons to already scarce technical and

Sudan's almost non-existent public works facilities, however, have been the most development in the country. Serious deficiencies appear in almost all types of trans-

logical and geophysical sur- ably to improve these facili- tions services also are veys during the past three years have yielded promising indications of oil and gas deposits in the Red Sea area. Both the American Pacific International and Standard Oil of California announced last year that they struck in their concession

of the United States, to such countries as Sudan. drastically. in the Gezira itself, with a of oil deposits, pr Cotton is the world's prin. There followed a long wide cordon sanitaire to has not yet started.

But obstacles to the suc. for 97 per cent of the councess of development pro try's exports and 95 per cent grammes are immense. of its imports, is being im-Sudan's fairly rapid growth proved and a second port has produced serious balance will be built at Suakin with of payments problems and West German help. The winter of 1975-76 witnessed a recovery of inter-national corron values as the important countries' economies pulled painfully out of recession. Typically, farmers inflation is running at

tween 20 per cent and 30 per cent a year.

Hopes for oil and gas dis a number of large projects in Port Sudan.

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Port Sudan, which caters

Sudan's road network which boasts a mere 500km of asphalted surface, is also being improved with finan-

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ef Sultan examines in detail the project to transform the country into the anary of the Arab world. He also describes the Kenana scheme, the first of many huge farming programmes

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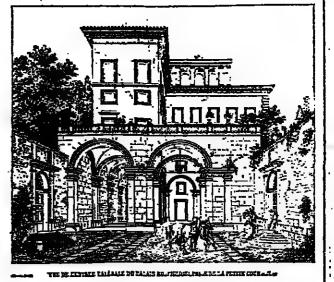
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Such a vast programme will undoubtedly require the use of engineering, managerial and technical skills which neither Sudan nor its Arab neighbours can now adequately provide. It is expected, therefore, that a

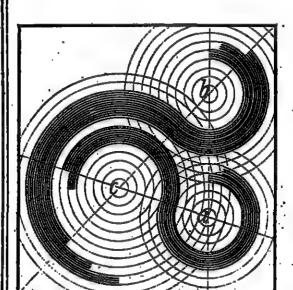
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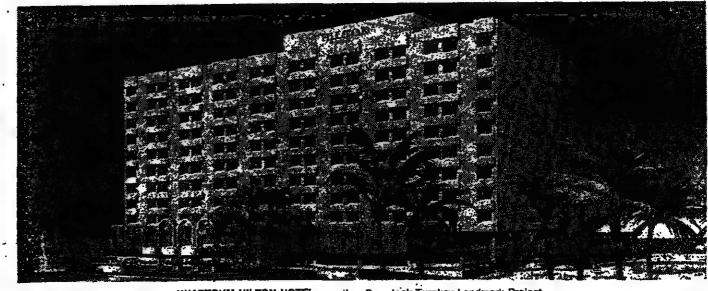
carrying out the scheme's and other public services costing \$10m. for the remaining civil and irrigation works were invited

The biggest problem facing Kenana has been to check its costs and to ensure that contruction works are kept on target. Costs have risen than two years they nearly doubled the original esti-mate. In July, 1975, total cost was put at \$250m and later



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## Storage and transport are port's weaknesses



spilling out in a shapeless mess over the perimeter of the port. In many ways this is not Sugar Company, for examthe fault of the port authople, has established its own carried each year on the be double tracked, starting of the capacity of Sudan rity. The actual berthing railway sidings and brought 1,000km single track between next year. New engines have Railways' rolling stock which system works reasonably in seven fork-lift trucks and Pert Sudan and the capital, been brought from the is used to carry oil products.

has been scarce.

Ninety-seven per cent of Sudan's exports and 95 per cent of its imports (a total of three million tons) pass through the docks at Port

Port facilities have been

added to over the years to cater for already burgeoning traffic but they have reached the limit of their capacity. Three-year-old goods are

harbour, each 465ft long. Cargo is lifted from ships

Cargo is lifted from ships by 20 five-ton cranes which line the dockside, working

line the dockside, working in tandem when required to

Several companies involved in development projects in Sudan make their own

to receive

as the oil terminal for the convey them to their destina-Shell and BP refinery, five tions up country, valuable miles south of Port Sudan. pieces of engineering machi-Another is a grain terminal, nery are of while the fourth is used as rode in Por a makeshift roll-on, roll-off atmosphere.

Railways cannot cope with the demands made on it on the crucial Port Sudan to Khartum route. Although it has 4,800km in its system,

in tandem when required to handle particularly heavy loads. If there is anything they cannot manage they can be supplemented with a 15-ton crane and a 75-ton crane. On the other side of the harbour there are four mally reserved for special traffic. Two of these serve as the oil terminal for the Shell and BP refinery, five miles south of Port Sudan port of the port from the Port Sudan Sudan Sudan Reficiency breaks down for from the Port Sudan Sudan Sudan Reficiency breaks down for the form the Port Sudan Sudan Sudan Reficiency breaks down for the form stretch. But there are too many problems to overcome. Locomotives and strain off the railway from such as food grains, sugar, were too many problems to overcome. Locomotives and strain off the railway from such as food grains, sugar, are being made to take the same time efforts are being made to take the same time efforts such as food grains, sugar, were too many problems to many problems to overcome. Locomotives and transport to the wrong place at the wrong time. Matters were too many problems to make the railway from strain off the railway from strain off the railway from strain off the railway from the wrong place at the wrong place at the wrong time. Matters were too many problems to make wrong the railway from strain off the railway from strain off the railway from the being strain off the railway from the being strain off the r

on the smooth running of the railway. A S24m Interna-tional Development Association loan has been used to particu- When it is finally open, sources such as gypsum have The author is larly on the Port Sudan and there is no doubt it will been discovered there and Sudannow.

the line.

there are five main four mobile cranes, two of them with a capacity of 35 ported on the remaining many, new wagons from will do much to clarify the spain and Belgium, while a future of Port Sudan which site of them ships is lifted from ships five-ton cranes which the dockside, working adden when required to a particularly heavy most people is in storage.

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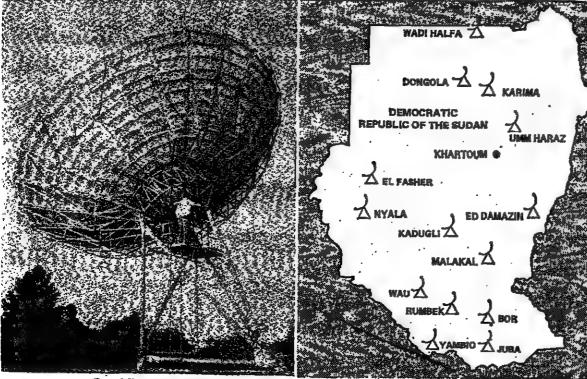
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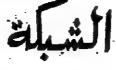
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## More mineral surveys needed

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At Bir-Eit, 40 miles north copper which is said to exist of Port Sudan on the Red in conjunction with unspeci-Sea, gypsum deposits of 95 fied radioactive minerals.

per cent purity and totalling

These radioactive minerals. mines, particularly in developing countries, he has to grant potential developers enough freedom and profit-ability to prospect large ability to prospect large are areas of land, while ensuring and participation in the profits Suda his own government cessing into plasterboard. Fortunately the past 12 years have seen successful

attempts to survey the ex-tremely varied geological strata of Sudan. The results achieved by the Russians in the Red Sea Hills, the Germans on the bend of the Nile and the British firm, Hunting Geology and Geophysics, in its surveys of oil for Champanal Paracters. Resources Department GMRD) of the Ministry of and Mining chartum. The department substantial strategic plan for the mining industry over the next five years—available from GMRD for £S50 (£87). available

es for the develop-and exploitation of principal minerals are believed to be in sufficiently viable quantities. These are iron ore, gold, copper, asbestos, chromium gypsum and mics. Ten locations are indicated as having interesting mining possibilities. But the accent that further systematic geo-logical and geophysical surveys are required before significant progress can be made in hitting the minerals.

helped the GMRD to make efficient surveys. One is the traditional Red Ses Hills regon where with Russian assistance the Sudanese Geo-logical Survey has finished about half of a 150,000 sq km an average grade of 52 per cent iron have been discovered at Sifia in the north of the hills, while signifi-cantly larger quantities of

working near Serakon, Nahus (meaning Hole) in southern Darfur, bordering the Central Afri-They may even have following a two year survey the site of King Solo- by the GMRD and prelimmon's Mines. The difficulty inary metallurgical studies can Republic, where copper for all Sudanese rulers since by the British firm, Roberthas been mined for a long that time has been to retain son Research International, time. Recent surveys consome of the wealth of those in 1976. This mine is expected by Huntings have mines for their own people, ted to yield some 5 kilograms quantified the extent of the President Nimeir's task is of gold each month over the mineral to be 9,300,000 tons next three years at a cost of at 4 per cent. An Italian firm is negotiating to mine the

more than 200 million tons could be used as a source of energy, as will the hydro-carbons which are beginning to be found in Sudan. For already being quarried transported to Port Sudan and Khartum for pro-Sudanese and foreign oil companies headed by Chevron, a subsidiary of Standard

Recently a new and exciting possibility has arisen of mining mineral sediments at the bottom of the Red Sea. mission for the Exploitation of Red Sea Resources was formed in 1974 to spend some £30m on the exploration of zinc, copper and silver deposits on the Red Sea

lopment Programme), have sag, of Hanover, and with the Geological and Mineral Cherches Géologiques Department Department Department Mineral Cherches Géologiques work. But in August 1976 Preussag's contract was hastily revoked, for reasons that have yet to be explained Nevertheless Sudanese and Saudi cooperation in this project shows that there are possibilities for regional de-The plan sets out proa joint Sudanese-Egyptian
rammes for the develop mining company established
neot and exploitation of with capital of SS.7m.

Ingessana Hill region border-ing Ethiopia. There some 16 million tous of 3 per cent chrysotile asbestos have been firm, Johns Manville, has been retained to confirm this find. It is said that 100,000 tons of fibre could be produced each year for 20 years from the deposit.

More interesting at Inge For the moment mineral sana is the surveying of the activity is centred on three substantial reserves of chronain areas where UNDP has mire. A hundred Chinese of these reserved June 1977. Known deposits exceed a million tons grad ing 54 per cent Cr2O3. These have been sufficient to en survey since 1972. Fourteen courage the Japanese firm million tons of iron ore with of Marubeni and Mitsubishi to offer to put up £35m to establish a ferrochrome in-dustry in the hills. Produc tion of the ore will be raised in stages to 390,000 tons a year. When this ore is processed, it will, a representa-Corporation says, bring the country a revenue of \$40m a

Sudan's gold deposits in Red Gebeit. Further production. The third leading mineral-exploring concessions covery year. Absorby, along Sea province have attracted of gold is expected from the bearing area is at Hofrat en ing 22,860 sq miles off-thore outsits. Concession Copper in the Red See and 200,000

> and satellite mapping survey the right depth of sedimen tary terms of These radioactive minerals

be reduced by 25 per after the first year after the first year of personal and 121 per a cent after the second and to third years so as to ensure specting programme, Chevron intends to start drilling ron, a subsidiary of Standard ron intends to start drilling Oil of California, have been in southern Sudan late this



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probably not every. First choice when it a taking a holiday. In my people would be to say precisely lies—beyond knowir is somewhere

ike most other Third countries, Sudan is stock of its tourist and making plans to m into foreign cur-

what has this vast he much largest coun-the world—to offer on beyond guaran-ishine, and perhaps so much of that at m comfort?

s chief attraction is dly its wildlife, per-least exploited and nasung in Africa. he full range of mimal and bird life seen in its most

has, for a start, mional parks where shooting allowed is meras. The most in the south-east the Blue Nile pro-

its 2,400 square e visitor can see ard, giraffe, buffalo, water-buck, greater hartebeest, hyena, ns of other species. is a camp which monodate about 60 in thatched huts. ly it will be ex-end improved to people, with a fur-at a caravan and A small airo be built there.

where those with can shoot, for it is he richest big game erves are mostly to d in the south, a osed to hunters and throughout the 17

ing recently began arrival of Arab oil I them fly to Kharfrom the local Air 1 to the game areas tey hunt down the

been little exploited. Those network is tarred, so road air first puts down, who have swum there say travel can be very rough that it is one of the best going and exhausting.

The biggest even diving areas, in the world, with water of exceptional

A 90-bed tourist vimage has been built at Arouse, Nobody would pretend mannorth of Port Sudan, where Khartum, despite its romanthe visitor can indulge in sea tic and bloodstained history, is of much interest to the meighbouring

Most regions of the country can be reached either by Sudan Airways or by train, tey hunt down the try can be reached either by pecies of game. Sudan Airways or by train, However, Khartum is the other river, or of Sudan's attracture and journeys to more remote starting point for all expedities and journeys to more remote starting point for all expedities other river. When I visited Khartum te coral reefs and road. Only a few hundred of this vast country, for this earlier this month I stayed

marine gardens have so far miles of the country's road is where anyone arriving by

The biggest event so The best time to visit tourism will be the opening, countries snywhere. clarity and free from pollu- Sudan is between December in four days' time, of the grees are mostly to tion.

and April. The summer can new Hilton Hotel, an oasis of in the south, a A 90-bed tourist village be oppressively hot. of air-conditioned comfort in an otherwise uncomfortable landscape.

the visitor can indulge in sea tic and bloodstained history, is ninth floor can include in sea tic and bloodstained history. From its ninth floor can itshing, underwater photo- is of much interest to the be enjoyed the best view graphy, skin diving, water tourist. In neighbouring from anywhere of the three-sking or just old-fashioned Omdurman, where the young town capital — Khartum, bathing. Near by is the Winston Churchill took part North Khartum and Omdurghost. Port of Suakin, in a cavalry charge under Kitonice a jewel of Islamic archi- chener, there is an interest and White Niles. For it is feeting but index only a first many great the true great on the tecture but today only a picing museum centred on the from here that the two great turesque ruin.

battle, while in Khartum the rivers meet for their long visitor is shown the spot journey northwards to Egypt where Gordon died. 295 rooms overlook one or

in the year-old Meridien Hotel, but was driven our of it by rats. I personally saw three—two in the corridor

outside my room and another scurrying over a roof at the back. I also heard them in the air-conditioning at night. Other guests reported similar sightings. The management assured me that the matter was being dealt with.

From there I moved into small but spotless, Swissmanaged pension called Arak House, which I can strongly to open shortly, and will be a welcome addition in a city where there is a perpe-

Most tourists, however,

From rags to riches: a Nile fishing boat con-trasted with the new

to the game areas, the Red Sea coast, or the archaeolo-The country's communications are extremely poor and that, with the shortage of

Khartum before taking off

first-class hotels or similar accommodation, acts as a brake on the development recommend. A far larger of the country's widely-version—the Arak Hotel—is spread tourist assets. How-

## Roughing it with the aristocrats

old men and women. In sleep.

I used to worry about gentle sunshine and invigorability of the days and nights the odd passenger snakes, scorpions and evil falls off. The cry "waqa" hostile insects. I have seen min fawq" (he has fallen few of these in my time from on top) passes from here, but my imagination carriage to carriage until it used to make up for what reaches the driver. Travel- I never saw. I mentioned my ling on the roof is not offifears to a friend from cially encouraged, but the western Sudan, who invarisches. cially encouraged, but the western Sudan, who invari-cheap, and a plateful with humanity of the Sudanese is ably sleeps under the stars. extras can cost less than 500, such that at the next station I asked him how to guard. The small towns often where there is a section of against species at the next station.

However, most Sudanese when they travel go by larry. There are still only a few hundred miles of tarred road in the country, and in road in the country, and in routes there are other means the north most places are of transport that are readily swords or throwing knives, accessible only by desert available, cheap and track. The lorries are loaded thoroughly enjoyable. In with freight and take most villages in northern passengers. Many lorries are Sudan there is usually a driven by their owners, but supply of donkeys. These some merchants may own a can either be hired for a fine soften associated at thought the small amount (25 plastres or the generosity and thought three are few places that 35p a day) or even borrowed fulness of asymptets at the stranger of asymptets.

There are few places that are not within reach of a are not within reach of a The donkey is a sturdy cult to know how to make once a week. The passengers animal in sand. He can carry some return. However, in can travel either in the cab your luggage and his pare the remoter places there are with the driver—there may is tranquil. The view of the frequent shortages of fruit, with the driver—there may is tranquil. The view of the frequent shortages of fruit, be four who squeeze together world from the back of a cigaretter or medicine. A —or on top. To travel in the donkey is distinctive. Every nacket of good cigarettes can front you pay the driver a tree, every hedge, every be greatly appreciated. A fixed price which is roughly house, can acquire a deep pain-killing pill may give £51 for 50 miles, though this significance. You can con-relief to a sick person. A rate may vary in different template these things and few oranges may introduce parts of the country. The appreciate their individual sweetness into an otherwise rate for travel on the back is ality. Every person met on monotonous diet.

1. The traveller will find accommodation varies ac whom you have a brief concountry wherever he goes. There cording to the freight. A versation. There is no rush wherever he goes. There usually half as much and the track is a friend with. The traveller wi accommodation varies ac-whom you have a brief con-courtesy and a cording to the freight. A versation. There is no rush, wherever he goes.

couple of days reclining on no bustle, no strain.

a cargo of ostrich feathers Donkeys are not common (rare these days) is quite a in the south but the more different thing from reclining on steel girders.

Similar pleasure from cycling Those who travel in front

of the country's widelyspread tourist assets. However, among improvements
planned are two new airports—at Wau and Port
Sudan—and expansion of the
existing airports at Juba and
Malakai.

Those who travel in front around the region, in the one
advantage of days British district commisthe diver. He pays for any
sioners used to cycle about
the dispense justice or mediincidental expenses. Indeed, to dispense justice or medihe is an aristocrat who is class and gather taxes or
proudly conscious of his ressupport.

One old friend who used
the author has lived in
the dispense of the provided the provided the support of the safety of freight, or more. He usually ago tells me he used to has travelled extensively has two boys to perform, blcycle up to Torit, taking throughout the country.

A train journey in Sudan is under his direction, the more a leisurely and exciting exmenial tasks like changing perience. It tasks up to the oil of the wheel.

Hotels and resthouses miles of single track from exist only in the larger Khartum to Nyala in south towns. Many, perhaps most, ern Darfur. You can take a Sudanese sleep at night in the open air—either on a like a king, and the cost of the journey is equivalent to garden. Many wayfarers and the air fare. Such a journey is an enforced rest. The gauge is narrow and the train rarely exceeds 30 mph.

Several hundred passengers travel on the roof. They include families, children, old men and women. Include families, children, old men and women. In evitably over the days and I used to worry about I used to worry about a gentle sunshing and invistor.

Away from the lorry articles fushioned from routes there are other meens routes there are other means

around the region. In the old

The small towns often have markets with produce brought from the carital or where there is a section of against snakes at night.

"The only thing to worry double-track, the engine uncouples and goes back to about is the python. To collect the fallen passenger, avoid being swallowed when they travel go by with your arms and legs wide local decorated earthenware, lorry. There are still only a spart, starfish fashion."

The only thing to worry brought from the capital or from local villages. Careful searches will uncover many attractive things of interest: local decorated earthenware, lorry. There are still only a spart, starfish fashion."

35p a day) or even borrowed friness of complete strate for nothing.

may be some suspicion in remoter places but this will be allayed if he has the necessary documentation which can easily be obtained in the capital. But his best



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versity of Khartum goes tional literacy.
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the Gordon Memorial intensified efforts to prevent
College opened by Lord Kitor fight disease are highly
chener in 1902.

Seven students out of 10 at this university read science and professional subjects. The two new universities to be opened late in the year at Gezira and Juba will also favour science-based studies. But this situation does not apply to the Islamic University at Omdurman and to the Khartum branch of the Cairo

This means that out of universities and other insti-tutions of higher learning in Sudan to 1976 less than half attended courses directly relevant to economic deve-

tion is now to make any services provided by the state,
including education and
health, as helpful as posa preparation, in most cases a preparation, in most cases

contention is that Sudanese have re-

Water-borne diseases, including bilharzia, seem to have spread with new irrigaschemes. But many diseases have been brought of new cases of tuberculosis reporting to hospitals fell by a third between 1968, when it was about 400,000, and 1974.

available for the whole deliberate government women is a good example of in the wake of urbanization population by 1984, with at policy is in the current plan this. Officially Sudan is commended to reduce social disparities mitted to greater equality bedispensary) for every 4.000 between one region and tween sexes and the print Affairs was set up, for the of population within a disamother. At present, difficulty of equal pay for equal first time as a separate government in possible, of not ferences in employment work has been enforced, ernment department, to cope more than 10 miles from the experiments, incomes and Women are now found in all with these and similar properties. people served. Where social justice may come into direct competition

Anthony Sylvester examines the welfare state's role in the economy,

and Peter Clark reports on plans for higher education

Social justice marches with

with economic development, lopment. Lack of science. One of the plans is now in the short run at any rate, based curricula is often a to make primary bealth care as part and parcel of

social services are great the jobs for which they are problems, between, say. Khartum and suited. But for every three Gezira provinces on one pupils in primary schools second na hand and Kordofan and only one is a girl and the of the Standard Residual Control of the Standard Residual Residu

them more attractive targets direction is clearly called for to establish a desirable

exceptional degree of social other hand, the Government of extended family helps to not unusual for a man of concept of social classes as familiar in Europe is alien

How rapidly the traditional Sudanese society will change with the economic development and progress on which the country has now embarked is uncertain. The authorities, for their part, want the inevitable transformation to proceed at a mea-sured and controlled pace.

Southern Region on the ratio at university level is

But the more endowed The pace of smancipation areas are also likely to have will largely depend on the better human resources and struggle the women themselves are ready to put up for their rights, for which they have now an excellent opportunity in the Sudanese Socialist Union, where many women are active. In village councils, for instance, a quarter of the seats must be quarter of the seats must be something like Sissom will be international.

plainly has no intention of Clamour for.

change will grow

Clamour for social changes and improvements is bound to grow as education spreads. A modicum of welfare state has already been created by the present regime, including minimum wage, state penmedical services and rant the inevitable transfor-nation to proceed at a mea-ured and controlled pace. But The improving status of prostitution, have increased

self chis is little. But much

essistance is a new children home for 200 midernrivilezed

social cantres for children and adults in Sudan and ier 33 will be added by 1983. The Ministry of Social

ffeirs is headed by Dr Abdul Mahmoud, than for her perseverance. She is the winner this year of a Food and Agriculture Organization award for her contribution to social and rural development.

#### economic development While the Sudanese Socialist result of the shortage of suit Union has pinned to its able teachers and equipment mast the slogan of economic rather than any deliberate development as well as that preference for aris and of social justice there is evi-humanities, and this is exdently no desire in Khartum pected to change as more reequality to be turned into a But entire areas of formal dogma of egalitarianism. At a time when Sudan has been schooling, catering in 1976 opened wide to private for a total of 1,726,049 child-

enterprise, both foreign and ren and young people against domestic, the Government 1,048,704 in 1971 are under will want to watch the social review with the idea of makscene carefully, prevent and stamp out abuses and re ful. An interesting point, dress justified grievances, now much debated in Sudan, for the sake of social peace has been made in a recent and political stability, if for International Labour Organization mission report to the effect that every stage in education should be re-Yet the dominant inten-

selves, will necessarily re- garded their years of formal main low in the Govern-schooling as a waste of time ment's list of priorities. because they were unable or That schooling should be unwilling to continue their meaningful in the practical work at school to reach a needs of the nation and its higher level of education. In citizens has been undertoo, aimed at increasing the tries. The bias in favour can read and write from 20 of technical and science to 70 over the next six based education at the Uni-years, emphasis is on funcyears, emphasis is on func-tional literacy.

> bers of working days are lost in Sudan because of the incidence of such scourges as malaria which is endemic throughout Sudan and affects

24,530 students enrolled at under control. The number



## **Emphasis** is laid on technical degrees

The year 1976 saw several Development, but courses tacts have already been made mobility both vertical and

tion was a development pri- resumed in 1976. The six-year plan (1977-83) has allocated Technical Colleges (KITC), a £S100m to education gen-union of formerly indepenerally, of which £835m is to be for higher education.

Plans for the two universi-ties founded in 1975—the University of Juba and the University of the Gezira took shape. The parent in-stitution, the University of Khartum, made several ternal reforms.

Proposals were announced for further institutes in the West and the East which reflect the Government's aim of administrative decentrali-

The National Council for Higher Education (NCHE), set up in its present form in November 1975, defines the country's objectives. This body, chaired by the Minis-ter of Education, receives reports from the various insti-tutions, and lays down the policies within which each institution is obliged to operate.

The Higher Education Grams Committee (HEGC) is the executive arm of NCHE. It allocates funds to each institution, controls the distribution of scholarships and overseas assistance, and is also responsible for de-tailed planning.

The two new universities

are seen not as copies of the University of Khartum, not as places of academic elitism, but as centres that will serve the whole community.

The University of Juba

aims to emphasize training and skills relevant to rural development. It will concentrate on the conservation of natural resources, and plans work for adult education. The European Develop-ment Fund (EDF) has shown interest in the University of

Juba. The Inter University Council for Higher Educa-tion Overseas, which has had a long history of involvement with Sudan, has arranged a visit of academics from Europe this month, on behalf of the EDF, to assess Juba's

staff needs.

The EDF visit was conceived in December, 1976, and the speed with which it has taken place is an indication of the sense of urgency shared by all the parties in-volved. Such urgency is absolutely necessary if the university is to recruit staff for its first 100 students, who are due to arrive in Septemfor two further institutes of

Gezira will be concerned with natural resources and agricultural extension. There will also be a Faculty of Economics and Rural be in northern Darfur. Confor the past six years.

changes in higher education will be inter-disciplinary, with the United Nations horizontal. In higher education will be inter-disciplinary, with the United Nations horizontal. It has been estimated offending traditional senting in Sudan. Extensive legisla- The first 100 students will University which, it is to be mated that more than two ment, especially in regard to thoo of November 1975 had enrol in 1978.

Hoped, will be associated million people change their Islamic laws and customs, places of livelihood in a although many stipulations.

University of the Gezira will were founded.

play a prominent part in the future plans face a number
The Sudan Government anUnited States aid pronounced that higher educagramme to Sudan, which was ing is the brain drain. Many The Khartum lostitute of

dent institutes whose history goes back to 1950, is given priority by NCHE. At present it has just over a thousand students but the plan is to triple this number during the period of the sixyear plan.

In the recent past KITC and its predecessors have lacked clearly defined objectives and, in the past year, have not enjoyed the attention of aid donors as much as the other institutions. There has been a steady aid contribution, however, from Britain and from bilateral

grave shortage of technical skill, and KITC is seen as the institution that must expand at a fast rate. The University of Kharrum now has 7,000 students. In recent years 70 per cent of its students have been registered for scientific or professional

> Postgraduate studies to be expanded

seen a steady expansion Henceforth the emphasis is to be on the extension of postgraduate studies with a particular acceut on developmental disciplines.

The University of Khartum was quite independent of direct government control until the 1975 legislation. It was also affected by repeated closures, the consequence of lively student population.

Some university opinion feared that the new legislation would stifle academic independence. However, last year saw several vigorous academic changes made from within. Schools of agricultural engineering and of mathematics have been formed from a number of departments that had hither-

to duplicated efforts. A larger number of postgraduate courses—for diplomas degrees—are available than ever before. It was the first year for a long time during which there were no closures. Proposals have been laid

higher education. One at

Present performance and single year. At the same are being revised by modern uture plans face a number time the deep-rooted system and more enlightened interattracted academics,

higher salaries, have moved reasonable income to spend to the oil-rich states. The migration is temporary but has been sharply felt in the past two or three years. The drain may be regretted but it is a fact of life that cannot be ignored in any plans, to Sudan. It vitiates arguments that there are enough graduates Another constraint is NCHE's lack of control over

studies organized from abroad. The University of Cairo has a branch in Khar rum, which provides a second chance to many who were unable to get a university education on leaving school. However, most of the studies offered there are in non-vocational subjects. The numbe of its graduates thus offsets the professional-academic proportion aimed at by the University of Khartum and desired by national needs.
Sudan is alive to the problem, and a joint Egyptian-Sudanese committee has re-

cently been formed with the aim of coordinating the University of Cairo, Khartum branch, with national higher education plans.

The poor performance of KITC and its predecessors has been attributed to the lack of prestige of mech-

This lack of prestige may The past 10 years have well be directly related to absence of incentives. The ate have always been high. It will be necessary to face

and resolve this problem in order to attract the best young brains into technology In spite of the genuineness of the Sudan Government's commitment to higher education, and its generosity in the financial allocation of the six year plan, it is clear that foreign assistance will be needed. Individual countries have been generous and faithful in their interest. Group donors such as the EDF may well make the biggest single foreign contribu-

Sudan's economic importance rests in its great potential as an agricultural export ing country. The production of people qualified to manage and expand its economic development requires system of higher education

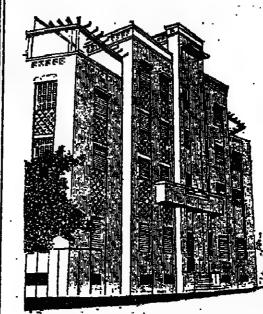
tion in the next decade.

Sudan's hope is that the interests of wealthier countries which have benefited from the export of skilled assist in the development of

There The other is to specialize Mr Clark has worked for ity of in arid zone studies and will the British Council in Sudan Rural be in northern Darfur. Con- for the past six years.



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Isobel Clark writes about today's culture, and John Gowlett examines the heritage from which it springs

## Song and dance are at the core

rich in tribal ritual. The pressive documentary on that painting is fairly new sawakin, the runed island port on the Red Sea, was began by leaning heavily on made some time ago by the soday, are searching in Africa as Africans, and their coming to term, the poetry of today symbolizing a harmony between African feeling and Arabic tangange.

Music is linked by the nud, an essar, public in the playenight. Dr. Khalid Muharak sees a tremeudous future for non-formal drama based on this. He has written a play with university students. The Crowning of the Red Sea, was began by leaning heavily on made some time ago by western art, and is only now flustyn Sharif.

Tayib Salih is one of the few Sudanese writers to have established a reputation outside the Arab world. Shilluk tribe living on the poetry in that the form most poetry, in that the form most poetry, in that the form most poetry in that the form most poetry, in that the form most poetry in that the form most poetry in that the form most poetry, in that the form most poetry in that the form poetry in the poetry in that the form poetry in the poetry in that the form poetry in th ed three major culaccompanied by the ond, an
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enth century on to every Sudanese, singing both traditional and modern stand and modern some based on everyday life and events. The style remains traditional, however, without the western divisions of popular readitions. ways are a source of popular, traditional and ration to artists clussical.

Apart from songs and the urch for identity is music of ritual indigenous in sost clearly present Sudan, orchestral and other an art central to music is recent and not yet culture from the well established. Incidentally and songs of each music for the theatre is an art central to music is recent and not yet culture from the well established. Incidental y and sungs of each, music for the theatre is resophisticated art developing, but at present upon to the whole tends to be derivative.

But music has always been essential to Sudanese cule growing Sudanese ture, and there are many dentity during the local drums, pipes and Anglo-Egyptian stringed instruments. In the tend to deal with the family rule, established south music echoes through attle of Omdurman the forest, without the planer

Formal theatre achieves high standard

Theatre in Omdurman and a recently formed company of experienced actors of excellent standard. There are a number of well-established dramatists writing for this at present, though in the past it has leaned heavily on Egyptian writers. The plays

amali morthern villages. His Ivory carvings fill the sounovel Seuson of Migration to venir shops in Khartum, pro-

Fiction is like poetry, in that under the sophisticated digenous art, but was created art form lies a wealth of hy the British colonial offihard myths and tales of all kinds. The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr Francis Deng, in Dinka Folk More formal rheatry also Tales, has published a selec-exists, with the National Theatre in Omdurman and a people, the Ngok Dinka of recently formed company of Southern Kordofan.

The fine arts have been

greatly helped by the Col-lege of Fine and Applied Art within the Khartum Institute of Technical Colleges, founded in the 1950s by Jean-Pierre Greenlaw. Thunks to its courses there trule, established south music echoes through the forest, without the player being seen.

In 1932 this came being seen.

Sough are a means of community, and are are many artists working and understanding on events, exchanging their own ing news, giving information, allowing to expressing emotion, celebration to their own ing rituals. Culture is mainly in a film has been made been a source of inspiration, and poet in Sudan in the West.

Tayib Salih, The Wedding of Christian Nubia.

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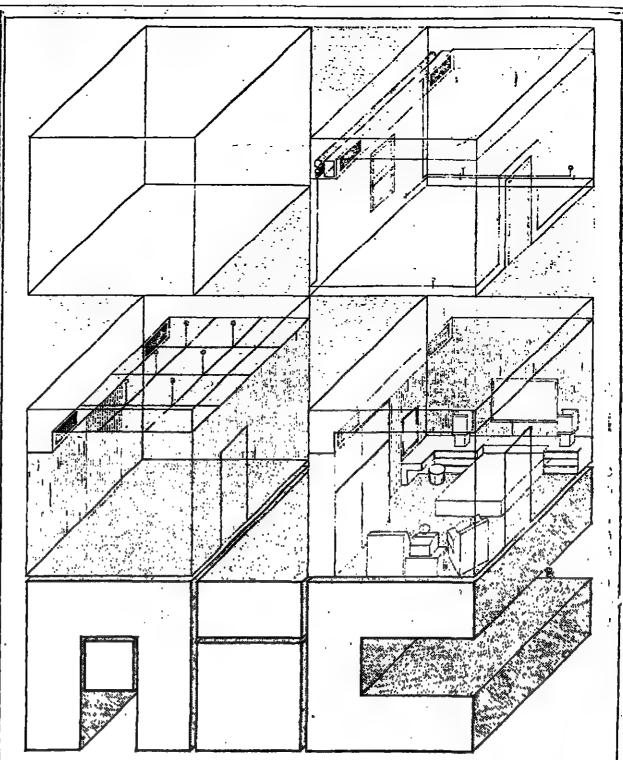
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Fiction is like poetry, in the decline. It is not an inthe decline. It is not an incers, many of whom were familiar with the ivory carving in India. Thus, it began modelled on an alien art form and never became truly Sudanese. With the end of British rule in 1956, the demand largely died out. Second, elephant hunting is now firmly controlled, so that supplies of ivory are both dwindling and expensive, and shops are demand-

ing high prices.
The arts are flourishing and, thanks to the ending in 1972 of the 17-year north south civil war, the south is making an increasing contribution. A number of writers are emerging, such as Lino Roll Deng, whose story The Lame Tree, published through the Ministry a southern village and shows great promise. Poetry is also being written in the south in both English and in

local languages.

The main problem today is the lack of channels of communication between artist and public, with the lack of an established centre for selling work. At present paintings and objets d'art can be bought only from exhibitions, though one or two shops are beginning to stock things. The recently completed Friendship Hall for the first time provides permanent exhibition halls and a modern theatre, but writers in particular need more opportunities for pub-lishing their work locally.



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## **Excavations at Khartum** prove revealing

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\*\*The sequence is suctified a keen interest in the archaeology of Sudan for more than 40 years.

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sis away from the less acces sible sites in the north. For tunately for the needs of tourism, some of the most remarkable sites can be reached from Khartum fairly

Restoration of royal

pyramids

At Meroe, 200km north of Khartum, where recent ex-cavations by Pofessor P. L. Shinnic have provided more detailed information about the town and its iron working, a much improved rest house means that visitors can spend the night on the road, with time also to see the neighbouring sites of Musawwarat es-Sofra and Nago, all in a two-day trip. Professor Hinkel, having completed restorations at Musawwarat, is now aiding the Antiquities Service in the restoration of the royal pyramids of Meroe, and bas plans to begin work on the deserted Red Sea port of

Sawakin. For years, thanks to the civil war, archaeology in southern Sudan was neglected, but it is possible that licences for surveys may be granted soon.

Sudan has not yet pro-vided the evidence of human evolution that has heen found in some neighbouring countries. Geological circumthe country do, however, suggest the possibility of an archaeological record that can be counted in millions rather than in thousands of years, and prehistoric sites that could be excayated. were the resources available. abound almost everywhere.

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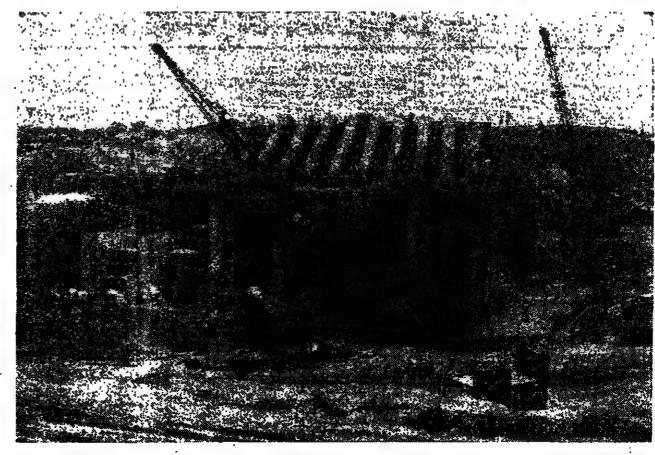
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## Peace prevails despite unit's mutiny-

to look back over the past South. five years with feelings of pride and achievement. This been completed and is recan be said in spite of the garded by the Government incident at Juba airport on as one of the greatest February 2 when a small unit achievements of the past five of anti-aircraft defence is reyears. By the new arrangement of have multipled many a force of 6000 former There has been similar Anya Nya fighters is trouble in the past, and, as matched by an equal in this case, it was promptly strength of northern troops, quelled.

Events of this kind may of Major-General Joseph the prevailing scene of Lagu, former leader of the having brought the 17-year Addis Ababa. 

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In the case of two mudnies only marginal.

A leading member of the generally of some southern troops, in At all events, the abortive Executive Council spoke to morale.

On the anniversary of the March 1975 and February Addis Ababa accord and 1976, false rumour appears regional autonomy for the to have fed on anxieties South next month the Suda about the proposed integra-nese will have every reason tion of armed forces in the

ported to have mutimed ment a force of 6,000 former

peace and harmony, but they southern rebellion who must be measured against signed the peace pact with the enormous success of the Khartum Government in

> practice, of course, remains to be seen. The latest case of mutiny at Juba airport may indicate that discisarily casting doubts on the

several members of the regrievance in spite of the fact glonal assembly. Two MPs that the economic and social were linked with the 1974 rehabilitation of the region Juba riots. One, Mr Stephen Juba riots. One, Mr Stephen Lam, was jailed for six months and enother escaped.



bloodstained conof civil war.

passed off in a remarkably quiet and disciplined manner although each of the 57 seats fisheries and the cultivation

In the wide freedom of huge livestock resource in choice some might have managed to get elected who has been much slower than hoped for and living conditions remain extremely bad.

More often than not unsers can be traced back to rumour-mongering, understandble in a country with such poor transport and communications. The first serious incident after peace, the riots in Juba in October, 1974, followed a rumour that the planned Jonglei Canal scheme south of Malakal would lead to the settlement of large numbers of north. It the case of two muthies which is totally untrue.

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me earlier this month of the state of "anxiety" in the region, but resolutely re-jected any suggestion that to harbour any legitimate

rievances against the North. The malaise appears to be because of the failure of so many understandable\_expectations to be met. For instance, only 18 per cent of the children of schoolgoing age are able to attend classes. Another irritation is caused by the acute short-age of petrol which brings entire motor transport for periods of between one week and 10 days every

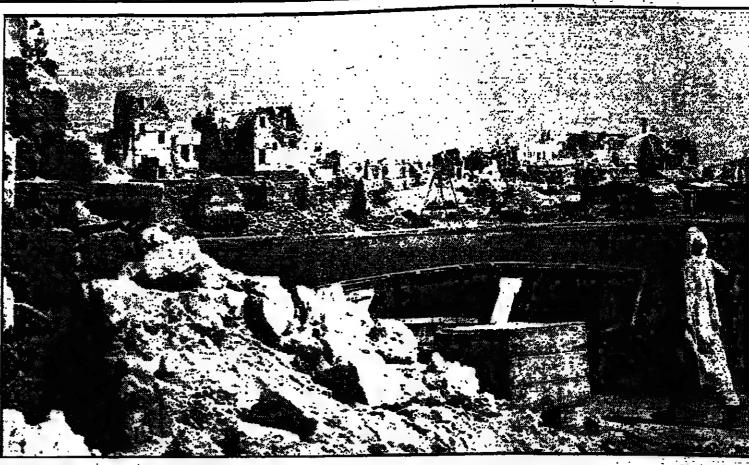
Some southerners may feel that the North is not doing enough to help. out of the regional budget of £S17m in 1976-77 only £S1.5m came from the South the rest being subsidy from Khartum. In the national six-year development plan scheduled to start next June the South will receive and the money to be spent in the region by ministries Khartum.

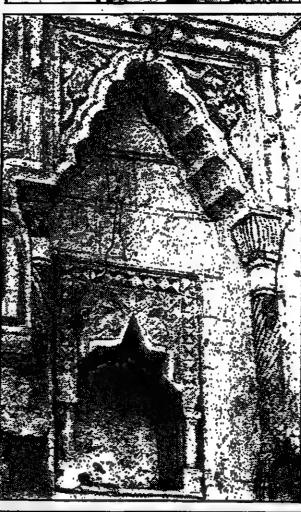
There is undoubtedly good development potential in the South, especially in forestry, for election was vigorously of tropical crops, such as contested by several candi-rice, coffee, tea and tobacco, dates, with three members The sugar plant at Melut will being appointed ex-officio. soon be completed for an What emerged was a fair annual output of 110,000 tons.

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cross-section of the southern A similar factory is planned public opinion in the Assemart Mongaila. The campaign bly although the candidates against cattle disease, carried bad to be endorsed by the out with the help of West Sudanese Socialist Union, the Germany, opens up prospects only political organization for eventual commercialization on a large scale of the

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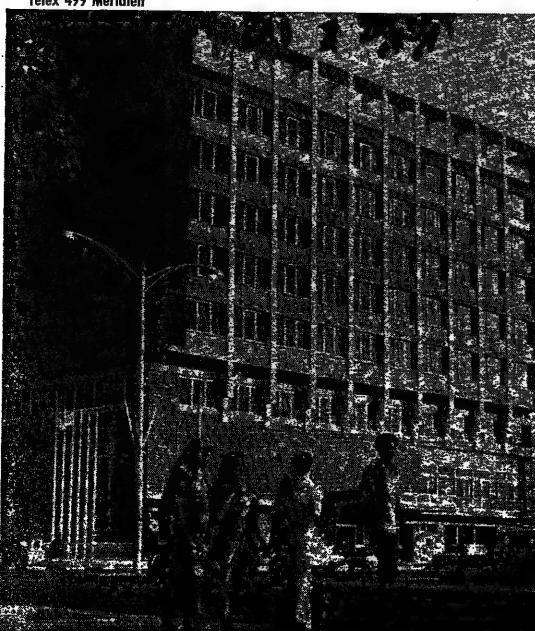
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## ILL HUNG UP

binet's failure to reach usive decision on direct to the European Parat its special meeting on rect yesterday is disauthority by the Prime as a result of the Govs humiliating defeat on letion guillotine motion the week. For he himtold the Parliamentary rty on Thursday that ed for a conclusive at yesterday's meeting, he could not wait for a on from the National We Committee.

will get then is not a edges, allowing further on both inside and outa Labour Party before wernment embark on egislation. This suggests hostility to direct elecpressed last year by both and the party conferill finds a strong echo he Cabinet, and that Mr in was either unwilling le to override it-at any the absence of the Secretary, who yester-away in Paris. Both by ction and by personal on Dr Owen is the of the Cabinet most

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committed to honouring given to our European but even when he is voice can hardly vet : same weight as that lamented predecessor. leadline set by the Select

ing bill " should receive the royal assent by the end of this month—has clearly not been taken seriously by the Government at all. But this time-table assumed that the Government would follow the Select Committee's recommendation in adopting, for the first round of European elections, the "first past the post " system at present used for electing the House of Commons. There were good grounds for the assumption. The recommendation was supported by the Labour as well as the Conservative members of the Select Committee; and the Government have shown themselves resolutely hostile to the introduction of a proportional electoral sys tem for the Scottish and Welsh Assemblies, in spite of strong arguments of tactics as well as

of principle. It appears, however, that in the recent Cabinet discussions this assumption has been put in doubt, and that some ministers have canvassed the possibility of using the list system of proportional representation in order to avoid the delays involved in having single-member " Euroconstituencies" (each composed of eight or nine House-of-Commons constituencies) delineated by the boundaries commissions.

It is not only the time factor which makes this revolutionary proposal seem suddenly attractive to some Labour tacticians. They have also become aware of the drastic humiliation which Labour could inflict on itself by fichting its first Euronean election while in office at Westminster and under a winnertee—that a "first enabl- takes-all electoral system.

There is indeed little doubt that the "first past the post" system would, because of the system would, much larger constituencies, produce a British delegation to the European Parliament even more absurdly unrelated to the proportions of votes cast than is the present House of Commons, and without the justification that a homogeneous majority is needed to sustain a stable administration. The arguments for PR in the European context are overwhelmingly strong, and it is very encouraging that the Government should at last be taking them seriously even if for reasons of narrow self-interest.

The list system is not, of

course, the preferred choice of most British advocates of PR. But it is the commonest system among our European partners. It would therefore not be an inappropriate choice for European elections which eventually are to he standardized throughout the Community, and for a parliament in which each member will in any case have difficulty in maintaining close contact with his several hundred thousand electors. But other forms of PR -for instance the Single Transferable Vote or Lord Blake's Additional Member System "need not necessarily be ruled out by the time factor. For by the very fact of being proportional they greatly reduce the importance of constituency demarcation, and thus make the meticulous procedures of the boundaries commissions far less essential.

## GLAMORGAN CORRUPTION CASE

s sometimes a tendency ime that corruption in vernment is of little conbeyond the many ations of the Poulson ind a few other, small, episodes. The Glamorruption case, in which a chairman of what used to ne county planning see has been jailed for i a half vears, is a warninst such complacency. a serious case and it

thing to do with Mr. So seriously did Mr Watkins regard it that only recommended local ies to heware of making e procedural blunder, but grested that Parliament amend the law.

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hespire Westling proposed ng the law so that official—herause that is how an is should be done by

declare not only any pecuniary interest but also knowledge of an applicant discussion with him or any lunches taken with him. One can see the purpose of this. In order to know whether a relationship is corrupt one needs to know more than whether there is a direct financial link. But it is hard to believe that any extension of the law on the declaration of interests could provide a sufficient check. In this particular case Mr Westwood received bribes on

a scale that enabled bim to

enjoy a standard of living far beyond what he could have

councillors would have to

earned from his employment. No law could have been expected to make him declare those. The weakness in the present arrangements is not that the law is inadequate but that it is difficult to enforce. Where evidence of corruption comes to their notice the nolice will investigate, as they did successfully in this case. But their resources are so overstretched that they depend on the evidence being brought to their attention. The people who are in the best position to suspect that something is amiss are the senior officials in any

authority. But it is naive to sup-

rose that many of them will take

the risk of making an accusation

approach to the police will appear—unless they are very sure of their ground. They have their careers, their families and their mortgages to consider.

It was for that reason that The Times proposed the creation of a local government inspectorate to the Redcliffe-Maud Committee on Conduct in Local Government, and why we extended that proposal to cover other public hodies in our evidence to the Royal Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life. Both inquiries rejected the proposal after careful consideration, the royal commission employing among its arguments the plaus ible contention that no inspectorate of manageable size could know enough about so many different bodies in the public service as to be effective. But that is no reason for rejecting a local government inspectorate that would offer advice on management procedures, without imposing central control, and would be in the best position to keep an eve open for possible corruption. Such an inspectorate might, for example, have anticipated Mr Justice Watkins's caustic disapproval of the amount of power concentrated in Mr Westwood's hands, as well as providing a good opportunity for any uneasy official quietly to confide his misgivings.

## TER IN ABUNDANCE

mission from Brussels that ; butter is being sold 7 outside the EEC at a subsidized price, while provides the sort of heavy nition that critics of the inity were casting round

the 1975 referendum cam-The debating force of rguments against Commurm policy is diluted by the exities of the green pound. ary compensatory amounts. ional steps and the other nents that govern our fond . The butter issue has the lage of starkness, and even enest admirer of the farm must admit that it has teen allowed to hurrle out strol. The Commission itcknowledged the force of complaint vesterday hy rarily blocking the sales, it is by now too late.

the time of the referendum · could be found in some h supermarkets for 20p a i. Now it is hard to find ir less than 50p. Admittedly of the rise has been caused noval of a domestic subsidy le EEC rules, but public on has fastened on Comty farm policy as the

culprit for a price rise that has far outstripped increases in wrees and the cost of living. Opposition to the policy is

much sharper now than it was

at the time of the referendum. Organizations that campaigned hard for an affirmative vote then are condemning the farm policy root and branch now. The Con-Association, sumere? example, now links attacks on the butter sales to demands for drastic reform of the entire pluses occur under the existing policy shorners in the Comrunity should have the first chance to buy them cheanly. It then calls for a new policy in which the interests of shonners are served as much as those of producers and in which gizantic

surpluses are not encouraged. Fnod processors also, who were among the most influential pro-Mari'et campaigners in the referendum campaign, use the case of hurrer to question the fundamental principles of common Agricultural Policy. They say that the policy encourares the pernemarion of sur-pluses he constantly raising form prices so that depend by shoppers is discouraged while thing.

unwapred extra output is srimulared. That is a complaint to which British farming interests have not given a satisfactory answer, though they readily admit the need for some change in the Common Agriculmiral Policy.

These large chronic surpluses are a clear sign of the malfunctioning of the Common Agricultural Policy, and it is very naturally an occasion for scandal when the surpluses are disposed of on terms advantageous to the consumer while none of the advantage comes the way of citizens of the Community. The surpluses, so long as they continue to accumulated, should be sold off inside the community either as cheap welfare food to selected categories of consumer (as was tried with heef in 1974), or by a general reduction in the retail price, the effect of which on dairy farmers would have to be curhioned by marioulation of the support price. That of course would be a breach of one of the princinies of the Common Agricultural Police. But a breach of had principle can be a good

#### in the Sudan

Mr J. H. K. Jefferson be interesting article by your ce Correspondent printed on lary 22 leaves the impression here has been no serious previttempt to check soil deterioraand erosion in the Sudan. fact the problem was recog-from 1937, and the writings lsoeth Huxley and Steinbeck the work of the Tennessee y Authority stirred the minds inking people in the Sudan, to ffect that a Soil Conservation nittee was set up by the Gover-

eneral in December. 1941.

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I on many national probin 1944; since that year
to 1955 a great deal of

ten million acres within five miles of water. The purpose of these reservoirs was to spread the cultivation and grazing load away from old water points, as well as making new areas accessible. Some of the reservoires with voirs were sited in conjunction with alternative crazing routes for nomad cattle, which were the result of the advice of a grassland expert and the cooperation of local tribal authorities who well understood the importance of the work.

Forests of mesquite trees were planted around Khartum as a blown sand control measure and were thriving. These trees—Prosopis Juliflora—are especially effective as they are deep rooted, are distasteful to animals so far as their foliage goes, but have nutritious pods.

In short, a great deal of work was done and projected. If it was not ding the excavation of some carried out after the British field earth reservoirs bringing about staff left, around 1955, it was

because of the reasons given in your correspondent's penultimate para-graph in quoting Sayed Wadieh Babashi: the difficulties of action in the face of sociological problems.

There is one important aspect to be remembered when dealing with marginal desert areas, and that is that no amount of groundwork will halr a major climatic change; there have been several in the tractable history of the Sudan. To accomplish the possible vast

sums of money are not required, but the understanding and cooperation of those involved is. Yours faithfully. JOHN JEFFERSON, formerly Soil Conservation Officer. Sudan Government, Hill Wicket

Child's Ercall. Market Drayton, Shropshire. February 23.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Management of Freightliners

From the General Secretary, NUR Sir, Sir Dan Pettit's defence of the NFC's performance in managing Freightliners (letter, February 15) is based on grossly misleading statistics. In comparing eight million train miles a year with 24 million miles of road collection and delivery to service the Freightliner business, he overlooks the fact that one train ne overlooks me fact that one train carrying an average of about 35 containers is doing the job of 35 lorries. The true figure for comparative purposes is in terms of mone miles —2.000m tonne miles a year by rail against 200m tonne miles by road. The idea behind the handover of published the NEC.

of Freightliners to the NFC was to improve road/rail integration. This is specifically provided for in Section 1 of the Transport Acr, 1968. The best commentary on NFC's ability to organize interm transport is offered by the fact that over the last three years, the proportion of containers conveved on behalf of other NFC companies has fallen steadily each year. The real problem is that, however

sincere the management may be in wanting to make a success of Freightliners, NFC's strutory duty to make the maximum economic use of rail has always been in conflict with its financial remit to maximi-e the return on the full range of its

The return of Freightliners to British Rail ownership will widen the options of rail-based services available to customers, by giving access to general merchandize business for premises which are not rai! connected and which require door to door development. Freightiners would provide another rail option—for the movement of merchandise traffics when the primary customers requirement is door-to-door convevance. The more efficient use of the Rail Board's extensive marketing resources will be possible if the customers can be offered this complete range of services without reference to a separate marketing company for

container movements.

It is also worth remembering that
British Rail's total investment in Freightliner operations is substantially greater than that of NFC. A switch of ownership to BR would bring no organizational problems if Freighbliners re-un-d complete to become a BR subsidiary.

The vision of Freightliners as the

the vision of Freightliners as the key to road/rail integration has failed, and Freightliners remain a predominantly rail-bend activity in a road-orientated NFC. The competitive strength of Freightliners lies in its sneedy economic trunk haul by rail. Under BR management, Freightliners would be the sensible rail involvement in traffice requiring door-to-door convergence. requiring door-to-door converance and the means also of any substantially greater use of rail for traffic of that kind at present on the roads. Yours faithfully, WEIGHELL,

General Secretary, National Union f Railwayman, Unity Pruse, Freen Road, NWL

#### Somerset House

From Sir John Betjeman Sir, It will be a cheerful thing for London if more Turners are on view as the result of agreement between the British Museum and the Tate

Gallery.
So far your correspondents have mentioned the inestimable benefit Londoners will receive when this finest square, that of Somerset House, is no longer a car park but a place of quiet and Edinburgh-like a place of quiet and Edinburgh-like dignity off the roar of the Strand. We will also see the staircases designed by Sir William Chambers, the noble gallery of the Royal Academy, the delicate mouldings and grand proportions of rooms unknown for almost two centuries. I, for one, am grateful to the Registrar General and other civil servants for having looked after these rooms and staircases so well so long and to the Departmen of the Environment for restoring Yours etc.

SIR JOHN BETTEMAN, 29 Radnor Walk, SW3. February 24.

#### W. H. Auden's grave From Mrs Daisp Swindell

Sir, On Sunday, February 20, we took a run down to Kirchstetten, and as usual when there, we went to see Anden's grave, which is in the tiny churchyard of this small Austrian village. To our amazement, the transmission of the second statement when the transmission with the process of the second statement. the grave was covered with the most beautiful wreaths. Upon inquiry at beautiful wreaths. Upon inquiry at the gasthaus opposite, we were told there had that day been a celebra-tion in honour of Auden's seventieth birthday, which would have fallen on the following day, Pebruary 21. It seems the whole village turned out—some 300 people, with brass

band and choir.

It is good to think that whoever else may forget, Auden will always be remembered in this little hidden Austrian village. His photograph is proudly displayed in the village centre for all to see, and the street where Auden used to live is now

where Audeostrasse.
Surely a literary verson of some consequence in England should communicate with the Burger-meister of Kirchstetten, and meister of Kirchstetten, and acknowledge the faithfulness of this enall Austrian community to a Yours truly, DAISY G. SWINDELL, 38/13 Molardgasse, Vienna, 1060,

#### What Keats drank

Austria.

Airesford,

Hampshire.

From Mr Lawrence Wright Sir, Keats clearly names the wine he wants as "Hippocrene", but this, being a fountain on Mount Helicon, would presumably have produced water. Was not Kents a bit fuddled already, and confusing Rippocrene with Hippocras, a cordial of wine and spices? Yours faithfully. LAWRENCE WRIGHT, 27 West Street,

#### Devolution: a fresh approach

From Miss E. M. O. Laurie Sir, Mr Timothy Raison's co Sir, Mr Timothy Raison's common-sense about devolution (in his let-ter in your issue of February 25) will be welcomed by many irrespec-tive of party. The recent vote in the Commons should be seen not as a battle lost or won but as a last chance to return to rational discussion about what can best be done in the interests of the people of the United Kingdom as a whole.

It is necessary to be frank, We drifted into the present mess because of a lack of sufficiently realistic public discussion of what the various devolution arguments were really about. The material which flowed from the Royal Commission and from the politicians did little to clarify the issues. The resulting confusion was exploited by a small minority of extreme nationalists and by short term to ticians in all political parties. The recent vote has meant that there has now got to be some fresh thought, like it or not.

But the thinking and the discussion ought for all our sakes to be shout the real issues and options, their consequentials, and the prac-tical prices that would need to be naid for them in all sorts of terms. It should not be solely about ways of fragmenting our existing nation state. Above all it should not be early about how to buy off the

Let there by all means be further opportunities for the extremists at both ends to peddle their muddled diagnoses and their false historical nostrums—so long as these are at least exposed to hanest and open debate. But let there also be opportunity, before it is too late, for erticulation of what may well be the majority of people in all parts of the Kingdom. These, I suggest, in-clude in varying decrees the follow-ing propositions. The United King-dom government probably does too much under any party, certainly does not do it very well, may one day follow better policies if only the voters will let it, but meanwhile needs some reform in the way it operates, and this reform ought to include arrangements for more visibly responsive contact with differing circumstances and feelings in different parts of the country.

Two such parts of the countryis the area north of the Tweed and the area west of the Severncontain the most evident concencontain the most evident concentrations (although not necessarily the largest numbers) of those in the largest numbers) of those in the linited Kingdom's population who like to boast a cultural descent from peoples of the now defunct constate nations of Scotland and Wales. Within limits this is a harm-

#### Vacant land in cities From Mr J. W. Burrows

Sir, In his letter to you (February 16) Professor Denman asks; who owns the derelict wasteland in our inner cities? From my own research on the implications of vacant land in 20 of the largest the following general SUCCEST picture.

On average, between 3 per cent and 5 per cent of city land is vacant, with one half to two-thirds of the total outside the inner areas. Within the inner areas, the remaining vacant land forms 5 per cent to 12 per cent of the area. The inner areas of Glasgow and Liverpool, and some East End Lendon boroughs have over 10 per cent of their land vacant, representing some 300 hectares to 400 hectares in each

the general pattern appears to be that of a fairly even split between local authority owned land (about 55 per cent of the total) and privately owned land, although of

evidence to suggest that the release of more land on to this market by the public sector, as has been advocated in your columns, would make any significant difference at the present time to the speedy reso-lution of the whole inner city land Where ownership records do exist, Yours faithfully. JOHN BURROWS. School of Environmental Studies, University College London,

#### Volunteers in Spain From Mr John Peet

Sir, It would be interesting to hear the evidence for Laurence Cotterell's claim (New Books, February 10) that during the Spanish Ciwil War "what was seen as the cause of the Spanish workers drew its main support in this country from the middle and upper

The most direct form of support for the Spanish Republic was, of course, that given by the 2,010 British volunteers who served in the International Brigades. The overwhelming majority certainly come from the Ishnur movement (Communist Party, Labour Party, trade unions) and not from the

During my own 16 months of service with the British Battalion of the XV International Brigade I cannot recall meeting more than a handful of volunteers who were a handful of volunteers who were not of working class origin; an upper figure of 10 per cent middle and upper class volunteers is probably an overestimate. It should perhaps be mentioned that the large working class majority put up tolerandly with our "middle class" accents and lack of first band knowledge of the facts of working class life. facts of working class life. Yours faithfully, JOHN PEET. Friedrichstrasse 129, German Democranic Republic. February 11.

of human rights in Argentina. In

these forums it appears to have been forgotten that the Argentine Repub-

deserved reputation and a well deserved reputation as a country that respects the rights and fundamental freedom of human beings,

and that its population is composed of all those who came from other

continents in search of peace and liberty which would allow them to

prosper under the protection of a system and political organization

offered to them generously, without distinction as to nationality, race or creed. This is the very same political system which international terrorism is seeking to desure in Argentina, alleging socio-political

claims and the enjoyment of human

be aware of the dangers which ter-rorism creates for mankind and of

the manifold and complex forms in

which it manifests itself and operates in the different regions of

the world.

I realize that distance may make

difficult the understanding of the true state of affairs, particularly when information does not reflect to bjectively.

In this task, the mass media are relief upon to play a fundamental

called upon to play a fundamental role in presenting daily events with sincerity so as to provide the world

with a true picture of the problems

and of their magnitude and thus belp to solve them.

Yours faithfully.

February 23.

R. M. GOWLAND, Chargé d'Affaires a.L. Argentine Embassy. 9 Wilton Crescent, SWL

I feel sure that The Times must

"middle and upper classes". ...

#### Argentine terrorism From the Argentine Charge

d'Affaires a.i. Sir, Your leading article "A Dan-gerous Negotiation " (February 23), as well as the news published by you on February 22 regarding claims presented in Geneva to the United Nations Human Rights Com-mission, make it necessary for me to make some statements on the

true skustion in my country.

Argentina has bad to live through
a highly undesirable experience as a result of acts of terrorism carried out by those who do not accept that national life should take place withtal institutions. This terrorism, a tragic scource

which afflicts the whole world, in-dependent of ideologies and economic systems, began to creep into our country through the cracks that the free operation of unwary democracy often leaves open.

The Argentine Government had to face terrorist activity set to destroy
the state and undermine political
institutions. This activity showed an
utter disregard of life, property and
personal security which are foreost in the Declaration of Human Rights, not always quoted in good

My Government has not shirked its responsibility and is resolutely and firmly determined to take whatever legal action the requirements of the situation may dictate to main-

of the situation may occur in many tain peace and security.

Recently it has been noticed, with suggestive frequency, that some international forums are showing a dedicated concern for the exercise

## less habit of thought and behaviour which indeed enriches the United Kingdom population as a whole. For most purposes, however, and certainly for nearly all purposes of government, such groups continue to have a much greater community of interest with the rest of the United Kingdom than they do interest. From Mr Richard Hamilton United Kingdom than they do inter-nally. Such distinctive identity as

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many. Such distinctive identity as they do possess certainly deserves some recognition and respect—where this can be given without unfairness to others. But what it does not justify is minority dictation of how the United Kingdom as a whole in the twentieth and twenty.

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Still less does it justify our con

first centuries should be governed

tinuing to approach important con-stitutional issues, at the expense of

adequate attention to even more important economic and social issues, in such a state of preoccupation with the fate of a dozen

or two Commons votes in one or two

extremes of nationalism that in general are rightly deplored.

MARY LAURIE, c/o Zoological Society of London, Regent's Perk, NW1. February 25.

Sir. Following on the loss of the

guillotine motion, the only safe course open to the Government is in hold the proposed Scottish and

If both countries vote against devolution, the Elli should then be dropped. If Wales votes against, and Scotland in favour, the Welsh clauses should be discarded and the

Tories should accept a guillotine

on the Scottish clauses. If both countries vote in favour, the next guillotine motion should also be

this late hour, will very generally be regarded as a means to waste time until the Tories return to power. in the hope that the Nationalist threat will somehow

It would have been reasonable to

hold it after the Tory victory in 1970, or in 1976 as a natural follow up to the White Paper. At this

stage, however, it will be seen as one more delaying device, and will

impress no one. After so many years of waiting, and so many

broken promises, the Scottish people at least expect results, and

the private sector land usually over

one half is owned by statutory

undertakings such as British Rail, the Docks Board and the Ges Board. Much of the land is reserved for

the accommodation and servicing of

future urban development and a

great deal is land in current deve-lopment programmes for which

the present financial situation. Regardless of public sector schemes

the movement of private investment

away from the inner areas, where

conditions are not attractive and land prices are high, continues: Vacant property which is on the market does not appear to be much sought after and there is little

a conference is not a result.

I am, Sir. Your obedient servent,

constitutional conference, at

Welsh referenda immediately.

Yours faithfully,

From Mr A, J. C. Kerr

accepted.

subside.

A. J. C. KERR, 52 Castlegate,

ledburgh, Roxburghshire.

February 23.

Sir, In the light of your admirable editorial about Charter 77 and the defence of human rights, we want to draw attention to some recent events which are insults to the intelligence of our people.

Censorship of

erotic art

The same newspapers which come easily to the defence of rights for Czech and Russian dissidents report blandly how freedoms are eroded in this country: in the past few weeks a young woman was fined £2,500 for showing a film in a private club in London which has been playing in public cinemas in New York and in the Champs Elysées in Paris for many years; the extraordinary last film of the late, great Pasolini has been rotally suppressed in England: last week, collaborative art work by Richard Hamilton and Dieter Roth has been emasculated at the ICA for fear of cheap press attacks on how a few quid of public money is spent; on the very day your editorial appeared. Mr Rees, acting on our behalf, stopped the entry of a film maker who planued to make a film about the sex life of Christ. He was worried that there would be demonstrations disturbing the peace. (From whom?)

Apparently it has not always been so. The British Museum and even the collections of her Majesty the Oueen include thousands of good and bad examples of crotic art and literature as far back as art goes. These collections are a ally sunported by the state. Ern'c art will always be made because it is about an aspect of human life, pleasure and even happiness. Where is the "new gaiety" Tony Crosland said we needed 20 years are? In your Crosland obituary on Monday, you singled out the following resounding words of his: "While a puritary government of one's own life is admirable, a pharisaical attitude to-wards the lives of others is

wards the revolting." We want to urge intelligent people in the press, in our great political parties and in our Covecils of Art to help complete the grand sense of freedom we talk a lot shout. Debate should now be joined in the actual defence of some of these freedoms, even if, in Shakespeare's words, you have to "stand up for bastards". Yours faithfully, RICHARD HAMILTON, DAVID HOCKNEY,

R. B. KITAJ, 2 Pembroke Studios. embroke Gardens, W8.

#### Distribution of honours From Professor Joel Hurstfield

Sir. I cannot endorse Mr Lewis's proposal (February 22) to end the present patronage system as per-fected under the Wilson-Falkender benefactions in fevour of "s council of impartial men and women' to distribute these titles. To create a consortium of retired judges, scademic punolits, eminent civil emvants, weighty industrialists, exconnected men of letters, ex-Prime Ministers and a whole tribe of esrablishment figures would simply lead to the reward of other establishment figures and of dependents

of the new patrons. Surely it is better to keep the present system. We know how peerages are now given and we value them accordingly. I don't admire a man the more or the less for his peerage. I have other ways of judg-ing his worth. And at least the present system is a source of inno-cent merriment. So come back, Marcia, all is forgiven! Yours, etc.

JOEL HURSTFIELD, 7 Glenilla Road, Hampstead, NW3.

#### Tree planting

From Miss Joy Griffith-Jones Sir, I have followed with interest the correspondence in your news-paper following Lady Keswick's excellent suggestion that trees should be planted to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubiles but no one has yet come up with the idea that food-bearing trees should be considered.

considered.

When we are being exhorted on all sides to grow more food from our own resources it surely behoves us to give serious thought to the planting of species such as the Honey Locust, a tree which can be grown in tilly districts, producing a high yield of beans—up to 1,000 pounds of beans per tree per year—and relished by farm animals; of many on the trees that produce fruit. of the trees that produce fruit, oil and fodder for both livestock and human consumption and which can be grown in areas unsuitable for stock and arable production. Yours faithfully, JUY CRIFFITH JONES. Editor, The Soil Association,

Walnut Tree Manor, Haughlev. Stowmarket, Suffolk.

#### New York and Concorde From Mr R. H. Firth

Sir, The letter from Dr. K. A. Long (February 23) prompts one to ask why New York should be bullied into accepting Concorde. If it is not wanted on grounds of noise and environmental considerations this attitude should be respected. There are many people in this country who have strong sympathy-with the people of New York. Yours sincerely,

R. H. FIRTH, 40 Ringsfield Road, Beccles, Suffolk.

#### Rockall

From Mr N. P. Reilly Sir, Many of your correspondents base the Brirish claim to Rockall on several landings made by the Royal Navy in the 19th Century. But surely as the Act of Union became law in 1801 this Navy was then the Navy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain AND Ireland.

Would partition be a solution?
Yours faithfully,
NOEL PATRICK REILLY, 162 Cowley Road,



#### COURT ... **CIRCULAR**

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 25: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips were present this crening at the Mayor's Banquet and Ball, in celebration of The Queen's Silver Jubilee and the 700th Anniversary of the Grant of the First Charter of the Town of Windsor, which was held at the Castle Hotel, Windsor. Miss Victoria Legge Bourke was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by General Sir John Gibbon (Aide-de Camp General to Her Majesty) Memorial Service for General Sir John Shorp (Aide-de-Camp General) which was held at the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sand-hurst, inday.

CLARENCE HOUSE February 25: Monsieur Georges Spénale, Président of the Euro-pean Parliament, today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

A memorial service for Mr Colm Brogan will be held at the Church of Sr Charles Borromeo, Ogle Street, W1, on Wednesday, March 9, at 11 am.

#### Birthdays today

Mr B. J. Greenhill. 57; Major Sir Detrick Gunston. 86; Mr A. Alimael Clark Hutchison. Mr. 62; Professor A. J. Murphy, 76; Professor Iyor Armstrong Richards. M: Colonel Sir Leonard Ropner. 82; Sir Horace Seymour. 92; Sir Walter Tong. 87; Pro-fessor E. G. Turger. 65.

TOMORROW: Sir Myles
Aboutt, 71: Dr C. H. Best, 78:
Sir Genree V. Clerk, 87: Lord
Coleraine, 76: Viscount Cowdray,
67: Vice Admiral Sir Kaye Edden, 67; Vice-Admiral Sir Nave Educat. 72: Sir Berkeley Gage, 73: Sir Philip Hay. 39: Air Marshal Sir Harold Martia, 39: Sir Algernon Rumbold, 71; Sir Charles Sykos, 72; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, 43.

## Latest appointments

Latest appointments include : Mr J. D. Semken to be legal adviser (deputy under-secretary of state) in the Home Office in succession to Sir Kennetit Jones, QC, who retires on June 30. Mr P. Harvey to be legal adviser to the Department of Education and Science from April 18 in suc-cession to Mr G. E. Dudman.

Mr J. E. Buck to be honorary consultant in orthopaedic surgery to the Royal Herbert Hospital. Woolwich, until its closure and thereafter to the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich. He aucceeds Mr F. G. St Clair Strange, who has retired,

Sir George Huckle to be chairman of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority and Mr K. J. Arnott to be deputy chairman.

#### Today's engagements

Exhibition: 75 years of British submarines, National Maritime Museum, 10-6. Exhibition: Good tastes. Victoria | Service dinners and Albert Museum, 10-5.50. Exhibition: German Expressionist prints, City of York Art Gallery, 10-5.

Walk: Discovering London, Mayfair : meet Green Park Underground station, 2.

#### Tomorrow

Exhibition: Japanese painting and prints, schools of Ganku and Buncho, British Museum, 10-5. Exhibition: Unofficial Russian art. ICA Galleries, The Mail, 2-6, last

Exhibition: Royal lustitute of Painters in Water Colours. jubiles exhibition. The Mail Galleries, 10-5. Walk: Black Friars and the bells of St Paul's, Blackfriars Underpround station, 3.

#### 25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, February 26, 1952

Phantom army

It is difficult to understand either the meaning or the purpose of the communique published by the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty in Lisbon. This states is words which seem almost to have been chosen for their ambiguity—they have no other victus—that the they have no other virtue—that the member nations will provide this year approximately 50 divisions in appropriate conditions of combat readiness. Only the most ingen-tous will suppose that General Eisenhower will in fact have 50 divisions ready and able to fight in Europe by the end of the year. The exact figures are rightly sec-rct, but the present force is gen-erally believed to be rather less than half that number. . . Pre-sumably the announcement was meant to impress someone; bur it will not impress the Russians who know very well the true state of affairs and who have the sense to realize that any real plans for real divisions would be kept sec-

#### Crosland ceremony

the ashes of Mr Anthony Crosland the asses of Mr Anthony Crosland will be scattered in the Humber rom a tug on Friday. The cerenony, at Grimsby, Mr Crosland's onstituency, will be conducted by he Rector of Grimsby, the Revieoffrey Brown.

## Hermann Hesse and the path to Mozart and the immertals OBITUARY By Professor Ulrich Simon Game. He rejects the role of sixts that he does not write as prise is the eternal the transversity of London King's commentator on his novels; he a politician; indeed, he scendent, the unconditional. College will not be drawn as a teacher. expresses his disbelief in im Mozart and the immortals are Centenaries of births are hor-

legacy.
In his published letters, of

Mann are so far available in

replies to his correspondents. the select few who have read

Steppenwolf, Narciss and Gold-mund, and even the Glass Bead

and Miss J. Mandada Gardner The engagement is announced between Karl Ronald, only son of Mir and Miss R. Cepok, of Black-gate Lane, Tarleton, Preston, and Jane, elder daughter of Mir and Mirs David Mandand Gardner, of Coldees, Muthill, Perthsbire.

and ours r. J. Huncheson
The engagement is announced
between John, son of Mr and Mrs
A. G. Pugh, of Rotherham, Yorkshire, and Tricia, eldest daughter
of Mr and Mrs J. A. Kempton,
of Rochampton, London.

Mr C. J. Woodhouse and Miss V. F. G. Joyce The sugagement is announced between Christopher. younger son of the Rer W. H. and Mrs Wnod-

Mr A. J. Push and hirs P. J. Huicheson

Forthcoming

merriages

Dinners

The Earl of Lytton

Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead

Pembroke Yeomanry

A reunion dinner of the Pembroke

Yeomany was held last night at the Officer's Mess RAC Ranges, Castlemartin, to mark the 180th anniversary of the surrender of the French invaders at Pishguard. Colonel G. A. Jackson presided.

ing as a rule. Hesse simiself holds a truth, perhaps the would have smiled at such an artificial means of ramembering him. No one could have been more indifferent to public esteem, and the fame of clearly defined then their actions that he hard-pressed pilgrings of the laws of Rerlin 1). Never, one facet such and the stands to holds a truth, perhaps the organizing of pressure groups the miversal tradition of the miversal tradition Yet he knows somehow that he proving lic esteem, and the fame of clearly defined than that of of the Jews of Berlin!). Neserworldly success he left to the group of men he most designed: any great writer. Yet he saw theless, Hesse, who hates false group of men he most designed: statesmen, dictators, this century that the civilized spondents a heroric sets before his correspondents in all sectors. Yet, world, was facing an above ground the doubted the which the institutional relationships militarizes which the institutional relationships and him wrong. And lies of nationalists, militarists,

gions could no longer bridge. Brought up in a missionary Protestant family, he reacted self-appointed grandees and power-seeking materialists, he Protestant family, he reacted could not help desiring the sharply against dogmatic survival of his considerable belief. It not only stified the dogmatic work. Little could be have spirit but actually condoned all foreseen that a world-wide the fatal woes of a collapsing acclaim would so soon after tradition. Wers, revolutions, tortures, and final solutions derived from the false reli-gious Yes to the state, to the his death (1962) affirm his which only those to Thomas masses, to collective entities.

Reading his letters one is English (Peter Owen, 1976), he constantly alerted to the abid alive. But Hesse is at pains to regards himself often as ing danger of this Yes. Hesse show that these desperate passe; old before his time, does not exempt Lather from remedies, also mistead and worn out and hurdened, he the responsibility of baving must be overcome. In his letsaddled the Protestant north with a built-in servility to the having created a misunder the Spirit. Perhaps Hesse state, as if this were part of standing, for, he declares, the would not fare too well in a the Christian faith. Hesse in real aim of all spiritual entermodern class for the compara-

house, of Basendon Provinge, Gloucestershire, and Villa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. R. Joyce, of Oxstalls,

The marriage took place on

Nicholas, Castie Bedingham, be-

tween Mr James Fairbanks, son

of Major-General and Mrs C. B. Fairbanks, of Nayland Suffolk, and Miss Philippa Garge, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. L. Garge, of Castle Hedingham. The bride was attended by Miss Charlotte Garge and Kate and Lucy Macdonald-Buchanan. Mr Gerard Boare was best man. A reception was held at Hedingham Castle and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

The Royal Regiment of Wales
The 3rd and 4th Volumeer

February 19 at the Church of St

Marriage

Mr J. H. B. Fairbanks and Miss P. A. Garge

heing speat abroad.

resolutions,

hippies got him wrong. And long before, the young men and women of the 1920s also chose to misread the Steppenwolf. Perhaps they are not to be blamed entirely, for like every great artist Hesse is ambiguous about salvation. Can ecstasy be produced by drugs? Should intoxication take the place of boring old morality and petrified religion? In a sense the answer may not be wholly in the negters he sometimes repents of

Gallery opening: Two of a gar-

niture of five vases with Arita

partern which form part of the

display at a new art gallery

established by Liverpool Uni-

versity to house the collections

of paintings, ceramics, silver and other works of art given to the university since its foundation

brates its twenty-first hirthday

today with a concert at its original

home, the Town Hall, Birming-ham. The programme will be made up of the same works it per-formed at its first concert in 1956.

The orchestra has supplied about sixty musicians to professional orchestras, and former members

now playing with the Halle, the Royal Philbermonic and at Covent Garden will be back for the anniversary. Among them will be

Latest Wills

Miss Elizabeth Grace Apps. of
Maldstone, left 519,961 net. After
personal bequests she left 55,000
to All Saints Parish Church,
Maidstone, for the upkeep of the
fabric, and the residue equally
between the RNID and RNIB.

Other estates include (net, before

By Our Arts Reporter

Latest wills

the . Hesse's guides. He stands in the universal tradition of the Nevertheless, no theological.

Unity of Being whose many pedant has the right to correct one facet only, and the Ameri- who disliked even the fashioncan youngsters who want a able moves in vorid-religion religion which turns them since he sensed their political on " are caught in a web of

to breathe in and to breathe who respond to the empathy of out in order to live. At first a sage who detects the blindthe lessons are simple and in- ness of systems and finds perstinctive, but Hesse conceives of a vast progress, the spiritual ladder of perfection which labels. Hesse process against leads to the unification of the carechism of Marx. Lenin, opposites. He speaks of the and Hitler who have all made worldly cloister in which the creeds of harred and murder. spiritual hero learns and dis- He warns against the hysterical

ual aristocrat. The muca-maligned elitism

in 1881 It was opened yester-day by Professor Robert

Whelan, the vice-chancellor, and

was financed by the Sydney Jones Fund. established by the

late Sir Sydney Jones, a former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, who

also bequeathed a large part of

phony Orchestra when he saw the need, 25 years ago, for a training orchestra in the Midlands to bridge the gap between school and col-

Forty-five young musicians were chosen from 120 applicants after auditions and rehearsals began on February 26, 1956.

duty paid; duty not disclosed): Donalds-Wilson. Mrs Elsie Elizabeth, of Salford . £111,349 Ellis. Mr Frank Walker Lestle, of

Worksop, baulage contractor and

Worksop, Baurage garage proprietor .. £130,082 Boare, Major Robert, of Oakbam £408,249

orchestras and professional

the university's collection

water-colours and porcelain.

Midland Youth Orchestra's

21st birthday concert

rive study of religion, for his equation | Jesus = Buddha = Lao-Tsel | sound | simplistic. if not untrue and even absurd.

dependence which would hor. Hesse rightly grips the rify Hesse. A man has to learn enthus asm of young readers sonal access to the Kingdom of God beyond dezominational ciplines himself. Thus he existentialism of self-gratificabecomes a person, the individ- tion. He is perhaps the last of a generation who believe that the Highest Good is really the (as against totalitarian collecti- Highest, and is not to be rism!) is not only found in ciluted in order to be reaevery religion but radiates dered palatable. His letters do from the great exponents of the Spirit. Perhaps Hesse make the celebration of this centenary on occasion of crititism and affirmation.

## High prices paid for **Dutch floral** marquetry

Continental furniture was again in strong demand at Someon's yesterday. As usual, the highest prices were secured by Death floral marqueny. with a mid-eighteenthtentury bombe campet at \$4.000 (estimate \$2.500-\$4.900).

the canted corners, leal-scrol test and brass handles cast with armodial orals representing France and Beiglum, was sold for \$1.450 cestimate \$1.500 to \$2.300).

The German vieces in particular tended to exceed Sotheby's expectations, with an early-eighteenth century small walnut armoire at \$1,750 (estimate \$500 to \$700). The doors are inser with rings bury-

4 per cent unsold. It also in-cluded oriental rugs and carpets,

a rogue in the late 1960s. A Sterengraph of "Queen Victoria and her four some" was sold for 1400 testimate 53001.

Dutch mehogany, like its Eng-

lish counterpart, seemed to be of and for several years with the less interest: a handsome late. National Theatre Company at eighteenth-costury armoire with a broken miangular cornice and several extras like pillars inset in the canted corners, leaf-scroll feet

and St. 1300 (estimate \$500 to \$7,00). The doors are inset with direct burrwalnut panels with decorative graining. Another, with cherron veneering and cherry crossbanding, made \$1.500 (estimate \$600 to \$1.500).

The sale totalled 570,038, with

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At Christie's, a routine sale of English pictures made 538,020, with 19 per cent unsold. Spink paid the top price of 5900 testimate 5130 to 5500 for "The Palace of the Prince at Monaco".

A sale of mixed nineteenth-century collectors' items at Bonham's resterday indicated that interest in

There was also a collection of 37 clay pipes moulded and painted to represent roval, patriotic or commemorative themes: the col-lection totalled 1931. Average prices were between 112 and 150.

# By Geraldine Norman Sale Roum Correspondent

cluded oriental rugs and carpets, where prices were unpredictable, accounting for most of the small unsold percentage. Nevertheless, a rast Ziegler Feraghan carpet (74ft lin by 14ft 9in) was sold for \$2.00 festimate \$1.200 to \$1.500) and a zood Meshed carpet (13ft 8in by 10ft lin; made \$2.000 tas estimate).

Sterengraphs may be reviving ; these little, women-silk pictures had

The top price was 555 for a pipe whose bowl was modelled as a portrait of Edward VII as Prince of Wales; it was the work of "Gambier a Paris". The sale totalled £7.811 with 10 per cent world.

## to Conquert Hastings at the Old Vic in 1938-39; he was in the cast of Ivor Novello's The Dancing Years (Drury Lane, 1939); then, for six years, he served in the Army, being demobilized as major, and it was not until 1950 that he returned to the London theatre as Lampeter in Accolade. Critics remarked on his voice

purposefulness."

aurump of 1936.

Born at Windsor in October,

hamsted and the Slade School

and aspect when he played the Angel in the revival of Tohias and the Angel at the Arts in the summer of 1953; and prac-tically at once he began the full classical career that took him through engagements with the Surafford-on-Avon company; the Chichester and Glyndebourne Festivals (at Glyndebourne in 1962 he was the Fencing Master in Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme); the Old Vic. He was also (1960-62) Ronald Storrs in both

the London and the New York productions of Tereuce Rartigan's Ross. He appeared, too, in his time, at the Hampstead and Greenwich theatres. Kent

#### Mr Anthony Nicholls, the actor, died on February 22 at After a late start in the cheatre he became during middle life a classical player of authority, sided by his hand-some appearance and controlled barmone voice. W. Bridges-Adams, who saw him at Stratrelian ford-on-Avon in 1958, wrote to the American Shakespearean, Professor Arthur Colby Sprague: "A demi-god Escalus (Romeo and Julier)—keep your eye on Anthony Nicholis." And, de fins again, in Yuch Ado About. Nothing: "This Pedro really stas royal"; and in Pericles: A Cerimon of grave, gentle These parts came midway in a stage career that did not begin until Nicholls was 29.

MR ANTHONY NICHOLLS

Fine player of classical roles

From his long roll of pa he may be remembered best 1907, and educated at Berk-Kent in King Lear which played to Gielgud at the Pala London (1955), and to Lau ton at Stratford (1959), a commanding Duke in Measure 1 of Art, he was formerly a cloth merchant, and did not walk on in the West End until the Measure (Stratford 1956), a ..... His first important parts Old Vic (1957), Lafeu in t Guthrie production of Al Well that Ends Well (Stratfo were Lysander and IShe Stooms Well that Ends Well (Stratio 1959). Warwick in Saint Jo. (Chickester and the Nation company 1963). Sir Samusi Legend in Love for Los (National company 1965), ar Antonio to Olivier's Shylock The Merchant of Venice (N tional company 1970)

He toured Canada and if United States with the Old V (1954-55), Russia with the Stra ford company (1958-59), Mo cow and Berlin with it National company (1965), an Canada for the National Theatr

Anthony Nicholls appeared is number of films including The Hosty Heart: The Fronchise Affair; The Bottle of Britain: and under Mr' Lindsa Anderson's direction in If an O Lucky Man. He was seen it many television production; among them Scotch on the second in the secon smoog them Scotch on the Rocks: the long-runoing Had leigh and less satisfying The He was married to Fard

Tiltman-Langley Laboratory, the beginnings of his long and distinguished career in mircraft design had already taken him to Shorts at Rochester, Super-marine at Southampton, Handley Page at Cricklewood, Desourter at Croydon and de Havilland at Stag Lane and Hat-field, and by 1936 he was chief designer of the British Aircraft Manufacturing Company, at Hanworth,

He recently described his association with R. J. Mitchell - hich included working on CONCERT

Falace of the Prince at Monaco or small work in oil on board by Edward William Cooke.

In Rome on Thursday Christie's and autobiographical article: this was published in January in Aeroplans, a journal lection of the Barone Basilio Lemmermann for 522.852 with a ghops, who was general manager of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra when he saw the saw January in Aeropiens, a journal to which together with Flight which designed and built air and the Royal Aeronautical carft for the King's Cup air IIII COV races Journal, he contributed races. Daring the war, with lucid technical papers for more than half a century.

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than half a century.

His experience with metal and development work on aircraft led him in 1932 to pub strength of materials, desicing, lish Metal Aircraft Construction, which through successive editions before and during the Second World War, became the classic text on the subject, and led to his appointment as air-craft design instructor at the de Havilland Aeronautical Technical School. Many are the British designers, test pilots, engineers and aviation pro-fessionals who were his pupils. His recent inventions included foam-concrete "arrester bads"

Mr Marcus Langley, aircraft to stop aircraft over-running and author, died on February 14 at the age of 73.

By 1938 when he founded, jointly with Ressell Tiltman, the Tiltman-Langley Laborators in the Tiltman-Langley Laborators. Unfailingly positive, cheerful

and creative, despite severe physical disabilities in recent years, and with never an unkind word to say about anyone even those who took credit for his inventions Marcus Langley was a total aviation person who inspired many, particularly the

Born at Middlesbrough on April 9, 1903, and educated at Middlesbrough High School and London University, he studied metallurgy privately and from 1919 to 1924 learned the disstrength of materials, desicing, jettisoning of fuel, and prom-type equipment for RAF fighters and bombers. In the early sixties he was director early sixties he was unreaded and chief of research to the Beagle Auster and Beagle Air craft companies, and his responsibilities included design of the Airedale prototype, which they in 100 days from the start. Marcus Langley was a Fellow -

Society-

#### MR T. C. WORSLEY

R.M. writes: All Cuthbert Worsley's triends must be grateful for your; excel-

lent obituary; but may I be allowed to add a few points? Thanks to the good offices of at a great distance from his.

Mr Bernard Levin he spent his Mr Bernard Levin, he spent his last years in a handsome flat last years in a handsome flat looking over the Brighton sea, which was lent to him free of all expense by an anonymous benefactor. Here a devoted friend, who had been his secretary, looked after all his ever-increasing needs during his long final illness. final illness.

Working before the war for years with Worsley, I used to tease him about his regular visits to a psycho-analyst. I could not believe that these edition of the Oxford Dictionary were necessary: he was so effi-

cient, so minising and appearantly so cheerful. In fact the unhappiness of his home in childhood had left him seriously damaged; and when he joined the RAF as an education officer. analyst, he soon suffered a complete nervous breakdown. Repleased by the RAE with exemplary speed, he gradually recovered. Other victims of neurosis may be happy to learn that eventually a few weeks at the Maudsley Hospital with drug-treatment proved incontinuous parably more effective than parably more effective than a series of the continuous parably more analyst. He many years with an analyst. He was thus able to face with fine courage his crippling emphysema, and even to enjoy working for the new forthcoming

## MR JACK O'CONNOR

in hospital at Buckhurst Hill at the age of 79, was one of the mainstays of Essex cricket between the wars, scoring more runs than any other Essex professional. He was particularly. South Africa at Lord's in 1929 quick and clever on his feet, and toured the West Indies in quick and clever on his feet. His total was 27,710 for an average of 35.30 including 71 centuries. He made 1,000 runs in a season eleven times and Eton College for 18 years and 2,000 four times. Mercurial latterly in a similar capacity at player he enjoyed the reputa-

He played for England v

## Medicine: Doubts over vaccine damage

Proving a negative is never easy, but evidence is beginning to accumulate suggesting that brain damage from whooning cough damage from whooring cough vaccine is rarer than some of the present publicity about it might suggest. Recently both The Lancet and the British Medical Journal have carried lettiers from neurologists and experts on infectious diseases who are responsible for the care of large numbers of children and have seen no clearcut cases of vaccine damage.

Professor N. R. Grist, of the

rals; that the socialist neuro-logical unit in Glasgow had not seen a case, and note had been found in the register of handi-capped children of the Greater Glasgow Health Board. Two other consultants have

case reports and retrospective in-vestigations.

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Proper detailed evidence concerning the allegedly vaccine;
damaged children, he suggests,
should be put on record for critical scrutiny by those but to
evaluate it, a view supported by
Dr Christopher Tonsted of the
Pack Hospital for Children; Oxford, who writes that "recrospettive studies of case histories haphazardly coming to notice at, a. hazardly coming to notice at a time when emotions have been troused will harm rather than help patients and their families." By Our Medical Correspondent Sources: The Lancet, February 12 and 19; British Medical Journal.

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Bartalions The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th 41st Foot) held a joint dinner at Cardiff Castle yesterday to celebrate the feast of St David. Lieutenant-Colonels B. T. John and M. Davies presided and the Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan. Sir Cecoydd Traherne, was the principal years. principal guest. Royal Engineers (Transportation)

The Earl of Lytton The Earl of Lytton presided at the ormusi dinner of the Byron Society held yesterday evening in the House of Lords in honour of Mr Panayotis Kanellopoulos, former Prime Minister of Greece. Lord Straboigi, vice-president, also spoke. The Greek Ambassador and Mme Stavros Roussos and the Archbishop of Thyateria and the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Edward Carpenter were among those present. The annual rounion dinner of the Royal Engineers (Transportation) was held yesterday evening at the Officers' Mess. Army School of Transport, RCT Longmoon, Hampshire. The principal guest was the Engineer in Chief, Major-General J. H. Foster, and the president, Colonel J. H. Anderson, was in the chair.

Maidenhead

Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Philips, and Captain Mark Philips were the guests of honour at the dimer and ball given by the Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead yesterday avening at the Castle Hotel. Windsor. The speakers were the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Dean of Windsor and the Honorary Recorder of Windsor, who were accompanied by their ladies. Others present included:

The Vice-Laguerant of Beckshire and the Honorary Recorder of Windsor, who were accompanied by their ladies. Others present included:

The Vice-Laguerant of Beckshire and the Honorary of Beckshire and the Mark Marchell. The Beckshire and Mrs Marchell. The Mrs Marchell. The Beckshire and Mrs Marchell. The Mrs Marchell. The Mrs Marchell. The Mrs Marchell. The Essex Regiment (TA) The annual dimer of the dialog club of officers of the 4th and 5th. Battallons The Essex Regiment (TA) was held last night at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Major-General M. W. Holme presided and the guern included Colonel Sir John Ruviles-Brise. Lord Lieutenaut of Essex, and Lieutenaut Colonel R. W. C. Charlton, Wiley Shareff of Essex.

High Sherrif of Essex.

The annual dinner of the RAF Supply Officers' Dinner Club was held last night at the Officers' Mess. RAF Hendon. Air Vice-Marshal K. H. Gooding was in the chair and Air Vice-Marshal H. Gill presided.

#### Festival to mark Luncheon Royal Society of Medicine heritage of City church

St Botolph's, Aldgam, is nolding a festival for the next mouth to commemorate the thousand years a church has stood on that site on the eastern edge of the City of

It opens tomorrow night with an exhibition of the heritage of the parish and a concert, and continues with music of all sorts; art, theatre, and other festivities. The Rev David Randall, youth chaplain of St. Botolph's youth and community centre, said yesterday:
"Our parish straddles the business life of the City and the poverty of Spitalfields. Our festival is going to bring together all these strande from the past and the

#### £270,000 to mend damaged canal

The Government is to pay 1270,000 for repairs to the Cale-donian Canal, which has been closed to through traffic since collapsed, it was announced vesterday.

It is hoped that the 60-mile canal, which links the east and west coast of Scotland, will be reopened in June, two months after the tourist season has

Orkney premiere The world premiere of an opera by Peter Moxwell Davies, The Martyrdam of St Magnus, is to take place in the Cathedral of St Magnus, in Kirkwall, Orkney, on June 18. The libretto is by George Mackay Brown, the writer and poet. The President of the Royal Society

of Medicine, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, yesterday enter-Street, Dr G. D. Hart, President of the Toronto Academy of Medicine. Mr T. E. Alderwick, executive director of the academy, Sir John Dacie, Mr R. T. Hewitz and

## Mr R. N. Thomson. Services tomorrow:

First Sunday in Lent ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: MC, 8: M. 10,30. Canon Sam Woodhouse, Ben Jackson in G1; HC, 11-30 (Byrd), int. Oculi sumnium (Wood); E. 3,15, en J. D. R. Hayward, Mes and NO (Wesley in h), A. Cast me not sway (Wesley). (Wesley).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC. 8; M.
10.30. Jub (Stanford in D) and E.
5.30. (Janon Treyor Bessor: Suns Encharist, 11.40. Salve Regima : Light).
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SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 11.
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son in F1. A. Wash me introughly
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THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): 11.15, Martins and Litary. Ben (Desce). Canona Edward Vennal. A. Out of the deep (Morley): HC. 12.50, MOYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL. Greenwich (public welcomed): HC. 8.50 and 12. HP. 11, Rev M. HCnley. GRAY'S NN CHAPEL. (public welcomed): ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL. (public mellind (chirs) NN CHAPEL. (public mellind (chirs) NN CHAPEL public indical (chirs) The Lincoln's Ins Fields saleway): M. 11.30. Canona R. Tydeman, A. Regnum munic) (Byrd). HN TOWLER OF LONDON: HC. 9.15: DAN, A. Regium mund) (Byte).

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ALL SAINTS. Margaret Street: LM. 3 and 5.50; MM. 11. the Vicar, Misas anger Doulce memoire (Lassus) E and B 6. Rev J. Slator (Weelles short).

ALL MALLOWS BY THE TOWER:
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ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street; RC, 8.30; M and RC, 11, Probendary Devet Moryan, Ben (Jackson in G); E, 0.39, Mag and ND, Fausbourdons (Gibbens). GEORGE'S. Namover Square, 8,15; Sung Bucharist, 11 Batten, 15; Rev W. M. Atkins, Mot. Saiva Domina (Dom Petiro da Esper-

BRC1: State 15th THE FIELDS. St Gives High Street (sear Centre Point: HC. 8. 12: ND. 11. New H. S. Coodwin. 8. 6.50. New G. C. Taylor. Stockwin. 8. JAMES S. Pictarilly: HC. 8.18; Fucharist, 9.16. New J. L. W. Robbison: Sung Emparty. 11. New J. B. Might; B. 6. New W. P. Beddeleg. ST MARGARETS. WESTMINSTER: 11. Special service for the Horse Dangers Association. Campa David L. Edwardd. SI MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45, and E, 6.30, the Vicar: N, 11.15, Rev. A, Couch. ST MARY ABBOTS. Kensington Mt. 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30 and E. 6.40. Rev H. L. O. Revs. Hide not thou thy face ("arant: M. 1.1.13. Western P. Davis, Wash me throughly Western."

MARY'S, Strangton Square: HC. S 30.

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WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM, 7, 8, 9, 12, 5,50 and 7 pm: RM, 10,50, Mkss Trabe are post in 10.50. Missa Traise me pade 18
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THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 4,15, 6,50 and 7.50: SM, 11. OLARE PRESERVIERIAN REGENT SQUARE PRESERVIERIAN GEURCH (United Reformed), Tavisnek Place; 11 and 5. In Daniel Jenkans CENTRAL HALL Westminster; 11 and 6.30 Dr M. Bernett, EINGSWAY HALL West London Mission): 11 and 6.30, Rww Lord Scoot. Professor N. R. Grist, of the department of infectious diseases at Glasgow University, has stated that no cases of damage from whooping cough vaccine were PARTY TEMPLE, Holborn Viabuct: and 6.20, Nev Dr B. Johanson. WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St trin's. Ludgate Hill: 11. Her Allen Birbyhistie.

## Kester, Mr Walter Harry, of Cambridge, solicitor . £313,674 Memorial service General Str John Sharp

The Queen was represented by General Sir John Gibbon at a memorial service for General Sir John Sharp held yesterds; in the Royal Memorial Chapel. Sandhurst. The Rev C. Rawlinson officiated, General Sir Harry Tuzo, Marzes Cunster St. Immedia Pack. Master Gunner, St James's Park, read the lesson and the Ven P. Mallett, Chaplain-General to the Forces, gave an addresa. Among totters gave an autorism ramong others precent were :
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Science report

found in a two-year survey of later to have a rare form of thildren with eucephalitic fin-flammation of the brain through through this maternal grand-virus infection in Scottish hospi-rals: that the specialise mother.

written to say that when detailed neurological assessment was made of children believed by their parents to be vaccine-damaged the diagnosis proved mistaken. For example, a boy who had "never been the same child." since a reaction to whooping vac-

A young man was said to have been vaccine-damaged after a severe convulsion had followed ins

immunization : but his epilepsy was cured at the age of 16 by an operation which showed no evidence of any abnormality of the brain other than a localized scarring of 2 small area, which

was removed.

Professor Grist suggests that the controversy has arisen because of the scientific inadequacy of evidence drawn from circumstantial

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next couple of years is still un-resolved. The provision in 1977-78 and 1978-79 includes the additional £50m in each year announced by Mr Healey in his December mini-Budget, produc-ing wrals of £27 m in both

But the White Paper states that no decision has been taken about the years beyond 1978-79 so that the figures of £225m noted for each of the two succeeding years must be regarded

A provision of £250m in support of British Leyland from 1976-77 onwards is made, in addition to the funds to be made available from the NEB.

There is also provision of £95m for loans and grants to Chrysler (UK) to help meet losses in 1976 and to assist the company's investment programme. But any additional expenditure would be a call on the contingency reserve, the No provision has been made

for the proposed state aero-space and shipbuilding comamount and phasing of the financing requirements and

Capital expenditure of the two corporations ", the White Paper

d ready to seize opportunity

told a meeting of foreign cor-respondents here that Ford bad

only to justify investment plans to itself, while British Leyland was now bound to suffer delays

in pushing shead with new developments because of the in-

volvement of the government

bureaucracy.

Mr Czidweli said: "We fully

expect to earn our own capital
—all we want (in our relationship with the United Kingdom

Government) is to be treated perfectly fairly and we are being treated in this way."

The Ford executive said that

gaining structure, and the res-toration of skilled differentials

which they maintain have been

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seriously eroded by successive government wage policies.

The stewards are due to attend a meeting today at which they will consider their next moves. They face a direct instruction—issued on Tuesday—from the national executive of their training of their successive of their training of their successive of

since the strike began a week

in 1946, on June 22 this year.

On this occasion, the Americans are expected to arrive with firm proposals. In view of

the appointment of Mr Boyd to lead their delegation, the British delegation has been upgraded with a senior civil servant at the head.

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## £57,000 paid to Mr Pat Matthews by **FNFC**

By Adrienne Gleeson Banking Correspondent

National Finance Corporation, the secondary bank which last month announced heavy losses for the third year running, to three directors whose service contracts have been terminated.

They are Mr Pat Matthews, architect of the group's mete-oric rise ahead of the secondary banking crisis in 1974, Mr John Bardwell and Dr Basil

Mr Matthews, whose contract had the best part of three years to run, received some £57,000; Mr Bardwell about £20,000; and Dr Bard £40,000. Mr Bard-well's contract had one year to run, and that of Dr Bard nearly four years.

Mr Maurice Denton manage

Mr Maurice Denton, manag-ing director of the group, said last night that, he thought it was "a bargain for the com-pany". The compensation pay-ments, which covered both salaries and pension entitle-ments, were much lower than the expenditure on salaries. offices, cars, secretarial assistance, and increased pensions would have been had the three men remained at FNFC to work out the remainder of their con-

The overall payment is revealed in the annual statement from Mr John Glyn, FNFC's chairman, who also disclesed that the company is

in further increasing its share of the British car market, after

cent to 25.3 per cent last year. He noted that Ford expected

to increase total sales in West-ern Europe this year by possibly more than 100,000 units, after

achieving sales of about 1.2 million units last year.

in Western Europe this year at about the same as the 9.3

million units achieved in 1976,

but Ford's increases would be helped by sales of the new Flesta and, to some extent, from

Ford's first attempts to gain a

one appeal from Mr Hugh Scarlon, the union's president.

more concerned to get some direct contact with Leyland

senior management now that they see themselves in a strong bargaining position. So far the company, while admitting that there are serious wage anomalies, has refused to

egotiate unitaterally with the

toolroom stewards.

If, as seems likely, the toolroom stewards decide today to

continue the stoppage into next week, some of the industry's

biggest component suppliers— Smiths Industries, GKN, Lucas

Of special significance is

between two American airlines,

This could go some way to meeting United States objec-

THE POUND

They will probably be much

He estimated total car sales



This is, he says, " a step that is mutually regretted but is one that is agreed is necessary as a consequence of the reduction

in the Group's operations."

Mr Demon said last nightthat the management had had
discussions with both Deloitte's
and FNFC's other suditors,
Touche Ross, and had eventually decided that the business
should core with Touche Rose." should stay with Touche Ross, who handled already by far the greater part of the audit. The savings were expected to be in the region of £20,000 a year.

## Bonn's first deficit since last August

From Peter Norman Bonn, Feb 25

West Germany's trade surplus declined last month, pushing the current account balance of payments into deficit for the first time since August of last

The Federal Statistics Office in Wiesbaden reported that the trade surplus fell to DM1,985m (5495m) in January from DM3,275m in December and DM2,494m in January last year. According to provisional fig-ures from the Federal Bank, they once were about the slow Germany's current account balance of payments showed a DM100m deficit in January against surpluses of DM900m in December and DM300m in January, 1976.

Demand reviving: West Germany's economic recovery soon accelerate if could demand continued its recent stronger growth, the economic ministry said in its mouthly report. The increase in new industrial orders has been particularly marked Reuter.

## Ultra directors likely to approve Dowty bid after Racal drops out

By Desmand Quigley

With Recal Electronics having withdrawn from the keenly contested hid for Uhra Electronic Holdings, the board of Uhra is likely to recommend on Monday acceptance of the £10m Dowty Group hid—unless another potential suitor suddenly appears.

another potential suitor sud-denly appears.

Annuncing its withdrawal,
Racal said it "believes that its
own offer was already realistic
and has therefore informed the
board of Ultra that it does not
intend to proceed with that

Ultra's shares gave up 8p to 208p yesterday, while Dowty was unchanged at 111p. Racal's shares gained 5p to 288p. If Racal accepts the Dowry each alternative of 210p. for every Ultra share rather than the two-for-one share savor, it will make a profit of about 11m on its 27,7 per cent stake in Ultra which was acquired at total cost of about £1.3m. After Racal dropped its bid.
Lord Orr Ewing, chairman of,
Ultra, commented: "I believewe were fortunate to have twing

Bank signal

manages to

keep MLR

Financial Correspondent

The Bank of England's "signal" to the discount houses:on Thursday that it is not especially happy about the specially

which interest rates are continuous to fall prevented a further significant, fall in rates at yesterday's weekly Pressury bill tender—but only just.

tender—but only just.

The average rate on bills allotted fell from 10.9284 to 10.7662 per cent. A fall below 10.75 per cent would in theory have led to a cut in the Bank's minimum lending rate from 113 to 114 per cent, had the normal market related formula for MLR been in operation.

As it is, the formula has now been in suspension since early February, with the Bank holding MLR at 12 per cent regardless of market conditions. The Bank, however, is clearly

The Bank, however, is clearly theen that Treasury bill rates should not drift too far below MLR, with other interest rates following in their wike.

Over the past couple of weeks the authorities do not appear to have been as concerned as

ditions in the money markets eased. But the indication in the middle of this week that rates at yesterday's Treasury. bill

tender could fall quite sharply

led, on Thursday, to the Bank requiring the discount houses

to take part of their loans at MLR on a seven day basis. The idea of this was to raise the

cost of money borrowed by the

discount houses by just enough to make them more conserva-tive than they might otherwise have been in their weekly

have been tendering.

at 12pc

Ultra and Racal specialize in advanced electronics, while Dowly deals in sophisticated

that it kacal has succeeded in taking over Ultra'st would have been prepared to hive off to Downy Ultra's aviation control systems while retaining the communications side, particularly the anti-submarine devices.

Downy is understood to have the mathematical in sections. three motives in seeking to acquire Ultra. In the medium term there is a need for it to be able to develop electro-mechanical controls alongside

its traditional hydraulics side. Mr Charles Bracher, financial director of Dowty, com-mented yesterday that the development of the micro chip was making possible the ad-

such forward looking groups of aviation fuel systems to Rolls-courding us. All of us who Royce, Mr Bracher confirmed work for Ultra will do our best yesterday that Rolls-Royce to make a success of the matrix would like to see a rationalizaof aviation fuel systems to Rolls-Royce. Mr Bracher confirmed yesterday that Rolls-Royce would like to see a rationalization of suppliers and added:
"I think Rolls-Royce will welcome this marger with Ultra."

Lastly, the acquisition will make Dowry slightly larger and, with the large element of good

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On Thursday of last week, Ultra was forced to announce that it had received a possible bid approach after the shares had moved from 75p to 105p and then back to 84p during the day. On the Friday, Dowty an-nounced a four-for-three share swop offer, then worth 144p a share. Ultra's shares jumped to

with the large element of good will it is paying for, may be-come a more difficult prey for a would-be predator.

143p.
Last Wednesday Racal announced a straight cash bid of 185p a share, and Ultra's 185p a

was making possible the adshare price moved to 1869 a vances in electronics, as the share price moved to 1869 a vances in electronics, as the share. The following day Dowry Swiss watch industry has found came back with its new offer. Two years ago Ultra's shares becoundly Ultra and Dowty hir a low of 7p. The low over are among the seven suppliers the past year was 37p.

## Losses for J Lyons' S African Wimpy

Unexpected losses of some 23.2m have come to light at J. Lyons' South African Wimpy aubtidiary. Revealing this to shareholders for the first time in a document setting out-details of recent asset sales worth £35m, Lyons says that the South African losses are due to a combination of omission of

liabilities, overstatement of assets and the stystallization of guarantees. . Losses at South African Wimpy, which was not included in the sale of Wimpy franchises in the United Kingdom to United Biscuits for £7m late last year, mainly relate to the two years up to March last year. Lyons has had to change the board and management of its South African Wimpy offshoot, introduce new controls and remit funds to meet the liabilities. The business is now said to be trading profitably.

Meanwhile, the document sets out details of the terms on which Trust Houses Forte will pay 127.9m for Lyons hotel interests in the United Kingdom and Ireland, apart from the Tower Hotel in London.

Tower Hotel in London. The company says that no fur-lyons has already received ther major asset disposals are 272m in cash from THF envisaged.

for the balance. These notes, which are negotiable, are issued by THF and amconditionally guaranteed by Finance for Industry, the medium-term lending institution owned by the Bank of England and the lead-ing clearing banks:

Interest on the THF promis-sory notes is at 5 per cent and they will be redeemed at twoyear intervals from the end of 1978 in three tranches of £5m with a final tranche of £5.7m in 1984.

The disposals, together with debt rescheduling measures left Lyons with rotal sorrowings of £242.8m at January 7. The company says that taking into account the three disposals—that of the hotels, the Tuited Kingdom Wimpy business and the sale of the American Tatley interests to Liggert Group—the value of overseas assets now exceeds foreign borrowings by £20m.

The traumes caused by heavy borrowings taken on by Lyons during a pariod of inter-national expansion in the early 1970s now seem to be over-

## Setback for Pertamina

From Our Own Correspondent.

Hongkong, Feb 25

Steamship

erday at an IEE seminar.

Farm exports up 17pc

of its fight for survival.

abroad. But it needs a budget of £150,000 to pursue its work.

The steepest export increases were in the livestock sector,

where Britain as a leading food importer has always lagged be-hind other EEC countries in exploiting export sales. The

value of poultry meat exports rose from £1m in 1975 to more

A contract worth £2.8m has

been won by Cementation Inter-national to build a 110-bedroom

extension to the Bahrain Hilton hotel. Work will begin next month and is scheduled for com-pletion in March next year.

Nuclear brake on Bonn

Bahram hotel award

ent. Japanese shipping company has according to the review, reached Pertamina, the Indonesian national oil company, has suffered a setback in its efforts to ward off claims by Mr Bruce. Rappaport, the Geneva-based ship charterer in respect of 15 tankers on which there are eventual contingent liabilities of around \$1,200m (about £766m).

Sanko Stramship the agreement with Mr. Rappaport not to press claims in London and New York against Rappaport companies which had chartered vessels from Sanko for on chartering to the Indo-

nesians.

This will take considerable pressure off Mr Rappepert and free him to pursue his claims against Pertamina

## Fukuda hint boosts yen abroad

innovation alert). Mr. William Norris, chairman of Control Data, gave details of the service The yeu spared on the foreign exchange market in London esterday after remarks by Mr Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, that he would like to A rise of 17 per cent in the value of farm exports last year was reported yesterday as the British Agricultural Export Council entered the final stage see an orderly appreciation of the currency in stable foreign exchange market conditions. In London the yen rose to 282.15 to the dollar against 290 on Thursday's close. The council said the total value of exports had risen to f1,520m, which represents a share of more than 5 per cent in the value of all British sales

In a television programme taped for broadcasting lastevening, Mr Fokuda said that while excessively sharp fluctuations in the yen's exchange rate should be avoided, the Japanese authorities must not engage in a petty policy of buy-ing up dollars to stem the yen's

He also said he would well come a lowering of Japanese interest rates, which were above United States and West German rates, since this would pre-vent possible unwanted cur-rency inflows, and serve to lower the interest rate burden of Japanese companies.

Mr Fukude was anxious to see a cut in bank rate from the present 6.5 per cent, but he said this was for the Bank of Japan to decide, taking full account of the domestic and international monetary situation.

## Easing the strain on a bankrupt business

Britain's complex and some-times archaic laws covering bankruptry and insolvency are expected to result from a far-reaching inquiry being carried, out by a Whitehall-appointed: committee.

The 12-strong Insolvency Law Review Committee headed, by Mr Kenneth Cork, a leading chartered accountant insolvency specialist, mer, formally for the first time, yesterday. The committee, backed by working parties from leading City institutions, the Law Society and the insurance world, hopes to provide concrete proposals for drafting clearer and more cahesive legislation within two years.

At first the committee is to call for evidence from professional hodies and other interested groups before getting a down to detailed discussions on ways in which existing laws in can be modified or replaced in

Later this year.
But Mr Cork already holds of firm views on what he regards to as the least effective areas of the carsting legislation. His firm to deal with some of the most speciacular corporate crashes of recent years, includ-ing Vehicle & General, Court Line, the Stern Group, and more recently Brancford

Nvions. · He believes that the current hotch-potch of rules and regulations often acts against the best interests of the personali ties and companies involved as; well as the community as a whole.

His main criticism of the present laws is that on the one his penal, especialy with regard to a



Mr Kennoth Cork: Strong criticism of present rules.

other they often lack teeth in! bringing to book directors of company chiefs who have clearly acted unscrupulously, if I not illegally.

He feels that the stigman attriched to bankruptcy is so great that the unfortunate vic-tim often fails to admit the, truth and goes on incurring credit making greater losses and trading recklessly, with the effect that the eventual collapse is often much more damaging than it need have been.

"I think it is quite wrong that the full panoply of the bankruptcy provisions often falls on the small man who has simply had bad luck in trading.

"If we can lesson the penal-: ties here while making the rules harsher in the case of those people who have committed abuses, the laws would be considerably more equitable and affaction. effective." Mr Cork also believes that more companies could perhaps

be saved or partially rescued by an extension of the existing at rules covering receivership. At the moment a receiver can be appointed only if there is a floating charge on the company's assets. In other cases the a business invariably goes straight in into liquidation, with the effect that a break-up is almost inevit

sible to appoint a receiver with the out a floating charge, either by application to the court or a under some other official pro-Mr Cork would also like to

see the duties of liquidators enlarged, possibly giving them the responsibilities to shareholders or other groups—particularly in the case of malpractice by Lom-

pany officials.

Although Mr Cork has been foremost in advising the Gov-ernment on harmonization of EEC laws covering insolvency, he thinks it will be neither

necessary nor desirable for Britain to fall completely into step with Europe, where proplete preserve of the courts.

Richard Allen

## the markets moved

ir services across the antic.

progress has been tough the two sides on three occasions

servant at the head.

According to reports in White-hall yesterday, the British negotiating position appears to be less rigid. This should result in some progress over tions that either Pan Am or Trans World would have to come off these routes. The Times index: 165.11 -0.83 The FT index: 401.7 -0.6

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during the past eight months the next two weeks, which is since Britain gave notice that the period which this new it would cancel the existing round of talks are expected to agreement, signed in Bermuda last.

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e Rates Table statements

SDR-5 was 1.15622 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.677023.
Commodities: Coffee and cocoa prices again reached new peaks.
Reuter's index was at 1661.6 (previous 1646.2). vious 1646.3). Reports, pages 17 and 18

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## Faint hopes of some easing of dividend controls appear to have been dashed. Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has told the trade unions that smiths industries, GKN, Lucas and Rubery Owen—that have plants geared totally to supplying Leyland assembly areas, may be forced to look again at their production schedules and in turn decide to lay off he has no plans to relax the present restrictions, according gh talks ahead on N Atlantic flights

In brief

to Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, after his talks with the Chancellor yesterday on the next round of

pay policy.

This follows a statement by Mr Healey in Parliament the day before, when he said: "I do not think that there is any significant evidence that divided control is weighted to dend control is prejudicial to investment or jobs. that the British side is now saying the American 50 per cent share of capacity on the routes between London and New York and London and Boston could itself be shared

Equities close easier Shares ended the week on Shares ended the week on a subdued note as they succumbed to end-of-account profit-taking. The FT index spent much of the day below 400, but by the close had rallied sufficiently to end just 0.6 down on Thursday at 401.7. This left is 8.7 ahead over the five days and better by more than 20 points over the account, Giltedged stocks had another restrained day, but did show some strained day, but did show some firmness in late trading and

after hours.-Investor's week, page 17

CBI revenue move The Confederation of British Industry has called an extra-ordinary general meeting for March: 16 to consider a scheme to raise its subscription. In a letter to members about confederation finances. Lord Watkinson, the CBI president said that the aim should be to raise the subscription income inicially to around 13.4m per

Rotary engine venture Curtiss Wright has received a contract from the United States Navy and Marine Corps to develop a 1,500hp Wankeltype stratified charge rotary engine. The contract will be worth about \$24m (£14m) the engine will be used in a high-tachnology amphibious-type landing assault vehicle. Lourbo is principal holder of licensing rights for the Wankel



Healey damper on dividend hopes

Head named for £65m shipyard aid fund

Mr. John Teasdale, deputy-regional director of the Deput-ment of Industry's northern region, has been selected to administer the Government's f65m intervention fund for British shipbuilders. Mr Teasdale, 53, has held his present post for six years, and is moving to London to start his new job on Monday.

Creation of the fund was announced on Thursday by Mr Kaufman, Minister of State. It is designed as a stopgap neasure to help Britain's hard-pressed shipyards to compete with the law tendering policies of shipbuilders in Japan and the Far East. Half of the cash will be available in the next

Control Data in joint technology service

A computer-based technology information service was launched yesterday by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, and Control Data Corporation, one of the leading United States computer companies. Inapec, the information services division of the institution, will provide information on about 10,000 innovations a wear, colled from the scientific year, culled from the scientific and technical literature, univer-sity theses and patent descrip-

Control Dara will provide access to this data base via its
worldwide computer timesharing networks. These use computer cantres in Belgium, the
United States and Australia.
The new joint service is
known as TINA (Technology

#### Licence approvals for West Germany's big nuclear power deal with Brazil have been delayed in deference to the United States government's views on nuclear non-proliferation, government sources Bonn said yesterday. I sources rejected speculation that the deal, worth DM15,000m

(£3,750m) was in danger of collapse.

Opec summit sought: Dr Mana Saced al-Otaiba, the United Arab Emirate's oil minister, yesterday called for a summit meeting to resolve a damaging price split in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. He made the suggestion in an interview

published by the semi-official daily newspaper Al Itihad.

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Pensions

## What to keep pace with -prices or earnings?

The most satisfactory criterion there has been a formal link: for uprating pensions being previously there were "Penpaid to retired people, if a bottomless purse were financing were known, which uprated them, would normally be the pensions at intervals. There them, would normally be the movement in earnings of those of increase would match the still working. This would rise in the cost of livingensure that the standard of liv- although the normal practice ing of pensioners moved in was to do so-nor that it line with that of the working population.

such a basis protects the stand- tem. ard of living of pensioners, it does not give them a share in panies in industry and com-any increasing prosperity of merce could not reasonably uncourse, does it require them to burden implied in a promise of

cost has to be met by someone and increases will be provided at any given level only when a case has been made for their necessity on general social grounds.

The state pension scheme provides a flat rate pension at a very modest level, generally recognized as inadequate, and it is appropriate that at this level there should not merely be protection against changing money values, but also a share in improvements in the general standard of living. It is one way of working towards adequate provision at subsistence level for all old people. This pension is therefore to be reviewed in line with movements in prices, or in earnings, whichever is the more favour-

Next year sees the introduction of the earnings-related ele-ment of the state pension. This is also limited in scope, but extends beyond the mere sub-sistence level (or less) offered by the present flat rate pension. It will thus be reviewed, after it becomes payable, in line with movements in prices, in order to maintain its real

Occupational schemes generally provide more substantial benefits, with the aim normally of enabling their pensioners to continue to live at a standard comparable with what they enjoyed while working. Revision in line with earnings would be inappro-priate—which is reflected in the Inland Revenue view of not allowing increases in excess of price rises once the pension reaches the official maximum, although up to that level there is no restriction on the way increases are pro-

It is normally only in the public sector—central or local government, nationalized in-dustry and similar public -that pensions are linked formally to movements in a price index. Even here, it is only fairly recently that

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gamesmanship are due for publication shortly.

ever, it is money that is the

most potentially embarrassing topic of all. People either hate talking about their own finan-

trapped into feeling that they

are prying into someone else's. With these two points in mind the Moneygamesman plans his.

Take savings, for example.

The world is divided sharply linto savers and non-savers, both camps being armed with weapoury specifically designed

Imagine a conversation be-

tween two archetypal partici-pants, J. Spender and B.

Thrift, positioned at either end

otherwise enjoying similar cir-

cunstances. Thrift serves:

"You're a City man. Tell me,
what do you think of these
new building-society-depositproperty-cash-linked savings
nolicies 2."

"Not I What exactly is your

here, implying the existence of

Machiavellian strategy.

to discomfit the other.

you of all people. . . .

In the present climate, how- the month."

sions Increase Acts", as they was no guarantee that the rate

would apply to everyone.
When the formal linkage with the Government's retail In normal circumstances prices index was introduced, earnings increase more rapidly no one seriously considered than prices although the present time is abnormal in earnings in the americans. this respect. Increases based earnings. It is the emergence of this unexpected relationship on prices are therefore less which has caused such wide favourable because, although spread dispute about the sys-

The pension schemes of comdertake the potential financial share in the occasional reduc-tion in prosperity.

either earnings or prices-related pension increases. Part tion in prosperity.

In any scheme, however, the of the problem arises from the methods used of paying for pensions. Increases in pensions which cannot be quantified in advance must be paid for out of investment earnings on money invested while the pensioner was still working, unless the employer is able and will-ing to pay extra money into the pension scheme.

There is no assurance that inflation will necessarily be accompanied by increases in investment returns, even if the fund buys the sort of investments which stand the best chance of maintaining the real value of income-property or equity shares, for example,

In the long term, investment returns in the past have generally moved broadly in line with changing money values, but this has not been true over short periods and could very well change in the future. Thus a pension scheme in the private sector-ordinary com-mercial or industrial employers-which wishes to provide for increases either fixes the rate in absolute terms or sise retains the discretion to vary the rate of increases in the light of investment conditions and general economic situation, as much as of changes

in money values. Schemes promising a fixed rate of increase normally allow between 21 and 5 per cent per annum. As the rate of inflation has risen over the years, the rate of fixed increase commonly allowed has also risen. At one time the Inland Revenue would not allow more than 21 per cent per annum. Obviously it is a matter of luck how far fixed rate increases go towards maintaining the value of your pansion. Equally, in another sense, it will be a matter of luck how far you are protected in a scheme which provides for increases at the discretion of the trustees. I shall return to this question next time.

vive an emergency.)

which is pure avarice—to the degree that he makes his own

marmalade out of old bits of orange peel, sells it to his wife, and keeps the cash pro-

ceeds in a discarded sock.)
Naturally, in my tax posi-tion I'd be bonkers to save."

verly meaningless.)

(A useful counter-ploy-cle-

How odd. In my tax posi-

tion I'd be bonkers not to. At least that's what they tell me."

round everything. We share

Game and set. Thrift has

some merchant bank other?"

Insurance

## Household cover for unseen perils

made of the cost to the insurance industry of householders' claims for subsidence: they range up to £60m or so just for 1976.

Certainly, subsidence damage has been extensive, particu-larly in the South-east, owing to the drying out of the clay subsoil in the 1976 drought. It is only since 1971 that

subsidence cover has been in-cluded as a marter of course in policies covering the buildings of private houses. Before then anybody who was particularly worried about subsidence might have been able to get insurance cover—at a price.
Understandably, insurers
have been kicking themselves

for being persuaded largely by the building societies to give subsidence cover. And those who criticize the building societies' activities in insurance would do remember that, but for their negotiations, subsidence cover might still not have been pro-

Think of the howls of criti-cism insurers would have been subjected to from those with subsidence damage, bearing in mind that the average remedial work can cost thousands of pounds.

The point here is that when the cover was introduced neither insurers nor house-holders foresaw the large number of heavy claims which would become payable within a few years. Who knows what unexpected loss or damage many householders may similarly be faced with in the future?



One claim in this category was when a ceiling in a house collapsed under the weight of children playing at being elephants in the room above.

Traditionally, insurers have pay for the cost of repairing a covered the buildings of pristraightforward leaking roof, vate houses against named although they would pay for the perils—with subsidence being cost of replacing part of a roof one of the most recent additionally, insurers have pay for the cost of repairing a straightforward leaking roof, although they would pay for the cost of repairing a straightforward leaking roof, and they would pay for the cost of repairing a straightforward leaking roof, and they would pay for the cost of repairing a straightforward leaking roof, and they would pay for the cost of repairing a straightforward leaking roof, and they would pay for the cost of repairing a straightforward leaking roof, and they would pay for the cost of repairing a straightforward leaking roof, although they would pay for the pairing a straightforward leaking roof, although they would pay for the pairing a straightforward leaking roof, although they would pay for the part of the pay for tions. In practice, this type of named peril policy has covered most types of fortuitous acci-dent involving houses. Sometimes, though, there

disputes, for what has been example, over what has been storm damage. Insurers will not

Frost damage is not covered. apart from the bursting or overflowing of pipes, cisterns and so on. And, with one or two specialized exceptions, insurers do not cover damage caused by woodworm or dry

gradual processes and should come under the heading of tenance. It could pay to have wider over on "all risks" terms,

cover on "all risks" terms, though it is likely to cost a little more and there will be some exclusions--such as wood-worm and dry rot, and so on. tainly some insurers take this line; that there is little point in baving "all risks" in-

On a different topic, a reader

writes: "In order to buy our present house in 1974 my

father-in-law very kindly lent us

£1,000. However, instead of ask-

ing us to save up this sum and repay it back to him, he pre-

ferred to have the money put towards the possible future edu-

cation of our children. In order

to do this I took out a life insurance policy with profits at a monthly premium of £32.

"The surrender value of the

the policy and for me to con-

tinue receiving tax relief on the

surance on the buildings of a house, since most of the normal claims are covered in any event by the traditional policy.

With insurance, however, one is concerned with the future, rather than the present. There is always the possibility of being faced with some type of loss or damage which is not covered by the traditional policy. So long as it does not appear among the exclusions in an "all risks" policy, all will be well.

One claim in this category was when a ceiling in a house collapsed under the weight of children playing at being ele-phants in the room above. An accident could occur when painting the outside of the house, with the result that there is black paint in all the wrong places. Or the washing machine could go berserk and cause flood, and so on.

With insurance it seldom pays to try to envisage the type of claim which one is likely to make. Generally, it is best to have the widest cover available, within reason, even if it does mean having a fairly substantial excess in the policy in order to keep the premium within bounds.

I believe that most householders want to be covered for what, to them, is something of a catastrophe without becoming involved in "small print' arguments about how the damage occurred. Apart from the exclusions, this is what an "all risks" policy sets out to

John Drummond

Taxation: Readers ask

## Working at home • Wife's income • Mortgage and separation

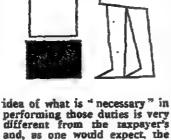
A reader tells me that after a disability recently he changed his conditions of employment. He now works at the office three days each week and for two days at home, incurring extra heating, telephone and other costs. He wrote to the inspector of

taxes asking if he might qualify for some expense allowance. The reply was: "The use of a room as an office is, in certain circumstances, an admissable deduction. However, one room only must be used, set aside purely for the purposes of work which cannot be done at your normal place of employment. Unfortunately, under the conditions described in your letter, no allowance would be due."

The reader tells me that the inspector gives no clue to the authority for his view and he wonders if it is correct. Section 189 of the Taxes Act

1970 enables an employee to penses provided that as well as allowable tax ornues being wholly and exclusively accept that a salesman has to use his home to deal with the use his home to deal with the claim a tax deduction for exfucurred, they are also "necessory use his home to deal with the exclusively incurred in carrying paperwork involved in his job—out one's job. The word "necestive duries of employment. The out the basis presumably that excessing is dropped for the self-Eric Brunet | the duties of employment. The tensive travelling precludes him employed.

I say, I say, I say, Mr Thrift, have you heard...?



performing those duties is very different from the mapayer's and, as one would expect, the Inland Revenue's interpretation is much narrower and supported, incidentally, by many cases that have gone to the As an example of what is

from being able to process the orders at his place of work. I have every sympathy with this reader's particular case but, alas, the tax office has not. The inspector is taking the view that as far as the job itself is concerned it can be done equally well at the office—the physical condition of the employee is irrelevant.

The distinction between this case and that of the salesman may seem to be a fine one but there are many hardships such as this in our tax laws that we have to live with. Incidentally. the Act says nothing about set-ting aside one room—this could be challenged in the appropriate circumstances.

As a matter of interest, if the individual is freelance, as distinct from employed, then the home becomes the office and it is much easier to obtain tax relief for a proportion of the home expenses. Indeed, it is much easier to get a deduction for all types of expenses, pro-viding they are wholly and exclusively incurred in carrying

me at lunch the other day."

you are referring to the Gover-

nor of the Bank of England

Only the true aficionado will

recognize it as the name by

which the barman at the "Nag's Head", Lavender Hill,

is known to regulars.

premiums, my father-in-law has suggested that he will now pay to us £32 per month corresponding to the insurance premium. Do we declare this income?" The answer is no. It is a gift from father-in-law and is neither earned nor investment income in the hands of the recipient. The only tax that could possibly be involved is capital transfer tax and even then it would

affect the donor rather than the recipient. However, as father-in-law can give away up to £2,000 per annum to any number of different individuals) without attracting CTI, there is no problem.

I was just a little concerned about the next question that tinues: "My wife is just about to start earning and will be taxed separately. Are there any advantages in my wife declaring the £32 per month income on

her tax return rather than mine?" As I have already mentioned the £32 per month is not tax-able, but the way in which me point was raised makes me wonder if the reader is quite clear in his mind what he means by-and the consequences of-

eing taxed separately. There are two types of claims. One is separate assessment which is not a tax saving matter at all but enables husband and wife to prepare separate tax returns and have the total tax liabilities apportioned between

The other is the separate taxation of wife's earnings, which is a tax saving matter only if the combined income is sufficiently high: If it is not, it can be positively disadvantageous. With this claim the wife's in-come from all sources must still be included on her hubsand's

If this reader would like further information I suggest he obtain the Ioland Revenue leaflet No 13, Taxation of Wife's Earnings, which is available free of charge at local tax offices. \* \* \*

Regarding my article on the break-up of a marriage a reader Francis Kinsman a husband moves out of the four years ago.

there is a mortgage and buys a second property which is size on mortgage.

for both properties is tax deductible. Once a divorce deductible. Once a divorce takes place the person wishing to claim tax relief must both occupy and own the house and make the mortgage repayments.

policy has now well exceeded the 51,000 and to this extent our debt to my father-in-law is now repaid. In order to continue There is an exception for loans taken out before March 26, 1974. Interest will continue to be tax deductible until April 5, 1980, whatever the circumstances, but the amount of that losn will count towards the limit of £25,000 for the purposes of a future loan for a main residence. No capital transfer tax is

payable on settlements for separated or former wives (or husbands). So far as capital gains rax is concerned, where two or more homes are owned only one of them, nominated the main residence, is

Finally, I would like to thank readers for their many inter-esting letters after my recent article on emigration. One or two of you took issue on a few points, saving that it was not necessary to do this or that in order to establish non-residence or a change of domicile. I did stress at the outset of the article that the Taxing Acts are

very vague on the subject of residence and domicile. I added that as a result the Inland Revenue has devised its own code of practice which, because it has a limited statutory basis, is to some extent flexible and may be varied in appropriate circumstances. What then followed were no

more than guidelines. While I agree that the wouldhe emigrant does not have to do all the things I discussed, it must be borne in mind that the Inland Revenue needs to be assured that the individual be assured that the individual really does intend to leave this country for good and it will judge the issue on all the available evidence.

Vera Di Palma

Where borrowings, up to a total of £25,000, are spent on the main residence of the individual and of his/her separated spouse, the interest

Agents engaged to do the

cover other forms of credit it. well as house purchase loan.
Furthermore, there will be general prohibition of the docstep peddling of credit.
The only situation where will be permitted is where it

use to which the propost credit can be put is restricte It will not, for example, isalesman to go from door i: door offering to supply thdouble-glazing on credit term. Nor will it be illegal for check trader (sometimes knowns the tallyman) to so from door, to door, because the traing check can be used only those shops willing to acce.
it. Similarly the catalogue me. order business (often carrie out by housewives as partinagents of the selling compan... will continue unaffected.
In these cases where the doc

step canvassing of credit is not be prohibited, the compar-concerned will neverthele. need to have a consumer crec-licence specifically authorizing the canvassing of credit oth. than at made premises. A co. pany indulging in any malor tice will therefore run il risk of having its licence eith withdrawn or amended. The beening requirements in lat.

And the sooner the bett because until that happens seems likely that the indiscrin nate doorstep peddling of los and associated abuses will cu

Paul Dobso

## Magazine's new editor

Many financial journalists have become public relations men but few press officers take the opposite step and become civil servants attached to it financial journalists. One man has bucked the trend this week.

That appointment came by end when the Government decided to axe all the supposition of the civil servants attached to it is national. Savings Committed the civil servants attached to it is national. Savings Committed the civil servants attached to it is national. opposite step and become financial journalists. One man has bucked the trend this week. He is Desmond Ashton-Jones, who took up his new appointment as editor of Money Management a few days ago. He has been a director of four London consultancies in the past and done a stint at "running his own shop " before he was seconded as the fulltime press officer to the National Savings Committee

a civil servant, was one of the first to go. - 11 E

Money Management, a prof. of able magazine, is part of destruction. Publication group, which also publishes the group, which also publishes the state of the stat Investors Chronicle. It has bel Investors Chronicie.

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without a permanent edit.

since before Christmas aft.

David Lewis's departure

Mail.

## The Grange Trust Limited

"Not I. What exactly is your motive for saving, anyway?"

(Note the word "motive" of fact."

Mr C. Alan McLintock, C.A. reports on the Company's 50th year. The following are points from his Statement:

\* Revenue available for ordinary stockholders increased 16% to £203,000 . 5

\* Total dividend increased 14% to 1.81p per share.

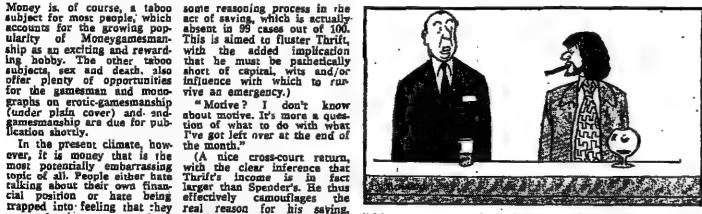
★ Net asset value at the year end was 68.7p, a decline of

10% over the year, compared with a fall of 15% in the FT Actuaries All-Share index over the same period. Net asset value at 31st December 1976 is estimated at 80.0p.

\* The Board believe that demand for shares in investment trust companies will revive as and when this country again concentrates its efforts on encouraging a healthy and vigorous private sector. For the future we intend to pursue our declared policy of trying to combine a growth of earnings with a reasonable measure of capital performance.

Year ended 30th November £309,460 Revenue before taxation £351.307

2.12p 1.81p Earnings per ordinary stock unit Ordinary dividend Net asset value per ordinary stock unit 68.7p



"It's more a question of what to do with what I've got left over at the end of the month."

higher plane of his own choosing and as his final passing shot has left Spender with the impression, totally erroneous, that he has the whole of the Inland Revenue working flat out for him personally, in exchange for favours received. The combination of savoir vivre and savoir faire is invincible.)

Thrift, positioned at either end "Really? Who on earth are of the savings spectrum but your accountants? Or have So where did Spender 20 you got into the clutches of wrong? His blunt question on such a delicate subject was most unprofessional. The corother?"
(Spender has been playing
far too overconfidently
throughout and, thinking he is
poised for the kill, now gets most unprofessional. The cor-rect tactic would have been to shift position and take an altogether different kind of ini-"Good heavens, don't ask his just deserts.)
me, old boy. Never save a penny, that's my motto."
"Amazing. I'd have thought helpful, tells me how to get

tiative—for example:

"Well personally, I'm glad
you save. If nobody saved I'd have to pay even more tax, ha,

switched the battleground to a byproduct of his (Thrift's) own savings behaviour.
One of the most vital points to put over is the fact, if it is wished to admit to having sav-

ings at all, that they are main-tained in some highly original medium. Poteto futures or honded Mexican tequila are of course passe by now and should not be mentioned. The trained practitioner will introduce as a subtler alternative what is known as the Crypto-Naive Backhander, and dis-course at length on the little known merits of National Savings, thus:

inflation-proof bond coming out. I gather—an extension of pensioners' index-linked one. Apparently, they're giving taing economic truth that the careful Thrift is subsidizing at preferential terms—at least the feckless Spender are the feckless Spender as a that's what the Governor told

A related ploy is the All-On-a-Single-Throw Smash. This stamps you as a man who is prepared to put every available egg into one basket as long as the odds have been calculated with supreme accuracy.
"Every penny I've got is in cash/my house/the seventeenth century Dutch School at the

> How splendidly you tower above the little man who has weakly divided up his miserable portion into an infinity of different pigeon-holes. How is he to know that "every penny you've got" consists of an overdraft of £957 and that the mortgage on your house covers even the sparrow's nest under the eaves. Pinally, a last word of advice

to the non-saver. Perhaps the best approach of all is the Consider - The - Lilies - Morelistic Dropshot. "I'm afraid I'm hopelessly unrealistic, but I always think that money ought to be enjoyed. Enjoyed in all its aspects. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this was still all we had" (so saying, bring out of your pocket two cowrie shells-5p each from a little shop just off the Charing Cross Road). "Aren't they incredibly beautiful", you murmur.

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## Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Growth and specialist funds (progress this year M & G Magnum and the past three years). Unitholder index: 17122; rise from January 1, 1976: +7.5% Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: -6.4%; over 3 years: +12.3%.

Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2. GROWTH

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i M. & G. Special	5.8	4.2	GT Capital	-4
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## EDITED BY MARGARET STONE

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buying by both in-and private investors, h the now familiar brisk early and grade followed by quiet consolidation p assert itself.

ek began with

share prices rising considers to be a crucial time for the five days for the economy. But this doubt another week of was quickly dispelled, and such was the strength of the market that the lack of any specific reference to dividends in the

reference to dividends in the Government's document on future prices policy passed without any marked effect.

This document was initially taken calmly though, as time passed, the "interventionist" nature of the plan and the implications for company profits brought a more "bearish" view. Interest rate hopes continued to be the snur for gilt. tinued to be the spur for gilt-edged stocks, though in the main they were more subdued than equities.

Daily gains seldom exceeded

Daily gains seldom exceeded half a point even among the longer dates and increasingly this section of the market is coming under the shadow of the forthcoming Budget.

Much of the bid and specularity

tive interest came in the electrical sector because of the rakeover battle for control of Ultra Electronics, which soared 64p to 207p. There was surprise when Dowty's \$5.7m share uncertainty as it was a Cabinet reshuffle by a 17.4m cash offer from Raral Electronics, especially as the latter had just emerged from a protracted battle for the

11p to 180p Commodity prices

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IAIN RISES AND FALLS OF THE WEEK

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from parent Small selling Profit taking Boardroom split

3p to 12p Trading joss

American Milgo company. But then Dowry raised its offer and Racal pulled our yesterday.

The whole affair gave rise to speculation that a number of other stocks in the sector could be the next in line. Prominent among these were MK Electric, up 12p to 130p over the week Dale Electric, up 10p to 150p, and United Scientific 27p to 174p.

Elsewhere in the sector GEC, up ip to 186p, received a temporary setback when the unions came out against its capital reorganization plans. The same company is seen as one likely to take part of Rey-rolle Parsons' business if plans for power station rationaliza-tion go through.

Renewed speculation on this

had Reyrolle's shares 11p higher at 152p. The monopolies clearance for Babcock & Wilcox to make another offer for Herbert Morris disappointed the latter, which had seen the com-mission as its savious. But Morris's shares were still 11p

up at 162p. Cavenham fell back 8p to 116p on the lack of better terms from its General Occidentale parent, while Serck's defence against Associated Engineering warmed up with the workers

warmed up with the workers adding their voice to share-holders in the opposition. The Serck shares eased 4p to 83p. Results from ICI, up 1p to 340p, and Barclays Bank, lower by 3p to 250p, were both mildly disappointing, but Hoover, up 23p to 283p, pleased after a strong fourth quarter and Unilever rose 12p to 446p ahead of figures next week. figures next week.

A rights issue accompanied by a strong dividend forecast helped English China Clays, which gained 8p to 83p. Gill & Duffus soared 11p to 180p on the back of commodity prices.

Brooke Bond rose 3p to 50p after selling off its politically sensitive. Argentine ranching interests and metals refiner labacen Matthew samed 15p to

Johnson Marthey gained 15p to

360p after nine-months profits up by more than 50 per cent.

David Mott

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## Britannia fund 🧕 a home income plan

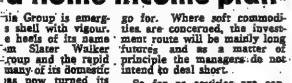
as now turned its ire : offshore Its Channel Islands has\_just launched

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sen on lead and tin. re is fundamental between supply and Despite the recent ere is still more to



So far as equities are concerned the portfolio will be predominantly in North American shares with some forays into the Far East.

be an musual, but Britamia obviously have high mixture of commo-expectations from this fund and director Jim Nichols is hoping in private for something in the order of \$10m to roll in within the first two years. What is clear is that the expatriate market at present is not too well served, although this seems to be more a fault of the professional advice that is or is not available in the odd corners of the world inhabited by expat-riates, rather than the availa-bility of suitable investment vehicles. Britannia's equity investment record is proved but this will be its first public ex-posure to commodity invest-ment, although the group has run some successful direct commodity portfolios for its private

> days 250. The company is drop-ping its "House + Income" plan which was one of the few-schemes available on the market to help elderly people take advantage of their principal asset, the house, to obtain much

needed income. The Old Equitable regrets the



Mr Jim Nichols, deputy chairman of Britannia.

move roo, but the decision has been made upon commercial grounds. There has been no shortage of inquiries—30 a week at head office alone—from prosat head office alone—from pros-pective clients, but few of them, about 5 per cent in fact, materialized into hard contracts.

One problem lies in the mininum age requirements for a home income plan—65 for single people and 70 for a couple. Another is the high rate of interest charged on the loan which makes the scheme look

which makes the scheme look
less attractive, particularly for
the "younger" applicants.
So the Old Equitable has
bowed out, while its recently
acquired subsidiary, University
Life, which ran a similar policy,
here trained writing new business A rather sad little item of news trickled out from the Equitable ness altogether. However, Save and Prosper, while admitting days ago. The company is dropping its "House + Income" that its scheme will never be a market winner or make much plan which was one of the few money for the group, has no plans to abandon its own home income policy. Nor has Hambro Life, where the managers are able to speak confidently of the scope for the home income

## FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

## **Enkalon struggling** back to profits

pressing result.

On sales up nearly 59m to
£471m, with around 12 per cent
of the rise due to real volume
gains, Enkalon trimmed its trading loss from £5.1m to £1.79m in But in its efforts to hold

market share there was precious little leeway for price increases. The decline in sterling pushed up imported raw material costs 2.5m last year with the group's exposure considerably increased by the Flixborough disaster. This forced it to buy exprelactam in hard-currency areas.

By Ronald Pullen

Rritish Enkalon, the United requirements and with higher Kingdom arm of the Dutch impress rates suling in the special produced some 9007 results on Thursday, managed to do something about its heavy losses last year.

Nevertheless, fierce competition in textiles, low prices, and rising interest charges combined to produce another depressing result.

On sales up nearly 59m to So up went working capital requirements and with higher requirements and with higher requirements and with higher that the state of the second starting in pick up. Industrial and carpet constant of the rescue of mylon as well.

However, the group is still the province of the second is still the special trace of the second starting to pick up.

However, the group is still making an extraordinary pro-vision of £1.7m to cover possible further reorganization.

The early months of the current year have shown signs of an improving trend; the group is now working at around 85-90 per cent expectity, and Mr James Martin Rischie, chairman, hopes that the group will be in the black for the year as a whole. But a capitalization of £3.4m at 12p, down 3p on the results, is not asking for much.

Lamson under all-out bid from Moore jumps 57pc

Lamson Industries, the busi-ness forms and office equipment maker, for which Moore Corporation put in an agreed bid for the outstanding 48 per cent earlier this month, turns in 1976 pre-tax profits up 57 per cent to £9.16m. Its best-ever was £13m in 1974. Turnover in 1976 improved 15 per cent to £139.4m.

This time round there were no exceptional expenses compared with the £1.1m for 1975, and dividends and other income rose from £418,000 to £613.000.

There was also a credit for extraordinary items of £510,000 against a debit of £121,000. The items relate to the sale of prop-

erty and writing-off stock and additional tax relief. Net profits almost doubled

from £2.46m to £4.79m, and earnings a share shot up from 434p to 72p. The total dividend rises from 3.84p gross to 4.49p. Moore, Canadian-based, is the leading producer of business forms in Canada and the United States. It raised its stake from 20 to 52 per cent in Lamson in 1973. At that time both sides said there was little likelihood of a takeover. The Canadian group has a market value of about \$Can980m. It turned in 1975 net profits of \$70m on sales of about \$1,000m.

In the present instance Moore is offering 85p a share com-pared with Lamson's 81p man-ket price at the time of the bid. Stock markets

## Still over 400 and 8.7 up on week

With the problems at British Leyland providing a gloomy backcloth, shares succumbed to end-of-account profit-taking. For a good part of the day the FT Index was back below 400 and by 3 pm had reached a "low" of 398.5. From then on there was a distinctly firmer note as buyers came in for the new account and, by the close, the index had cut back its loss to just 0-6 for a final figure of 401.7.

This left it 8.7 ahead over the This left it 8.7 shead over the week and better by 20.2 for the account. In the gilt-edged market, early falls of up to a quarter of a point at the long end were reduced to one-eighth, while many "shorts" reverted to overnight levels. After hours, "mediums "and "longs "added another three-eighths, but short dates mored parrowly. lates moved narrowly.

The long slide in Pisons may be ending, but few yet foresee a rise. The group's broker, Laing & Cruickshank, says buy, but & Crunckshank, says buy, but most others say sell or keep away. They all seem to agree with profits of £185m against £167m for last year, a bit better than feared until recently, and Laing goes for £24.6m this year and Buckmaster for £23m. Most are waiting for a sustained fertilizer recovery to appear. The shares have put on 22p in ten days, but shed 8p to 305p yesterday.

The Ultra Electronics take over situation again provided a centre of interest. The latest twist in the story was the news that Racal would not raise its terms following Dowry's in-creased offer and because of this, the Ultra shares dioned 8p

this, the Ultra shares dioued 8p to 208p. Relieved of its bidding obligation, Racal immediately went up 5p to 228p, while Dowty held firm at 11:1p.

Other features on the patch were Hoover, which lost 12p to 283p on profit-taking after Thursday's results, Rowthorpe which rose another 3p to 68p

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which held steady at 217p ahead of next week's figures.

Among the "blue chips", the worst hit were Fisons 8p to 305p, Glaxo 5p to 448p, while Unilever, also with figures next week, shed 2p for a finish of 446p. After Thursday's statement, which had proved mildy disappointing. ICI ended 2p lower at 340p.

In textiles, Slimms put on another 64p to 964p, making a rise of 444p this week following the news of an approach from

the news of an approach from Tootal, which eased half a point to 364p. British Enkalon dropped 3p to 12p after its trading loss, while speculative demand boosted Hirst & Mallinger 12 to son 6p to 28p.

Distillers gave back 11p of the rise which stemmed from whisky price rises and by the close stood at 129p.

Ou the engineering pitch there were 2p losses from Hawker Siddeley at 514p and Metal Box 258p, but GKN managed to hold firm at 331p. and Stothert & Pitt continued to go ahead, this time by 3p to 135p. Sertk, currently involved in a tussle with Associated En-

was £73.69m (17,413 bargains). According to Exchange Tele-

go ahead, this time by 3p to 135p. Sertk, currently involved in a tussle with Associated Engineering, shed 41p to 83p.

In papers, both Associated Newspapers 5p to 170p and De La Rue 5p to 33p, were down on profit-taking which followed recent strong gains.

In the financial sector, the cleaning banks had a varied ex-

drilled 10,500ft of the 13,000ft planned without reaching a positive conclusion. Oilex hasing loans to repay or fund in less than two years.

couple of pence off at 223p.

Companies reporting had J. J. Dyson better by Sp to 33p. Parker Timber gaining 5p to 87p and Kleeman Industrial 2p ahead at 182p. But Hardys (Furnishers) shed Sp to 22p after a disappointing interim

Equity turnover on February 24

#### Latest dividends

Company (and par value)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year	
F. Anstin (10p) Int	0.14	0.14	_	-	0.49	
Brit Enkalen (25p) Cariol Inv (25p) Sec Int	NO 2.3	0.25 2.05	4/4	УП 3.3	0.25 2.75	:
]. & J. Dyson (25p) Int	1.53	1.25	22/4	_	2.03	ċ
Hardy (Furn) (25p) Int	NII ·	1.15		-	2.81	
Impala Plats Sec Int. Kleeman Inds (25p) Fin	10* 2.77	15* 2,54	15/4	4.57	4.15	
Int Inv Trust (25p) Fin	1.34	1.1	_	2.34	2.0	
Lawson Industries (2Sp)	1.74 1.25	1.32	13/4	2.02	2.5 0.84	
Olives Paper (20p) Int Tor Inv (25p) Int	1.95	0.84 1.78	1/4	1.25	4.21	
Palmerston inv (25p) Int	0.53	0.53	21/4	_	1.57	
Tyneside Inv (25p) Sec Int		2.05	4/4	3.3	2.75	
Dividends in this table are Elsewhere in Business News establish gross multiply the	CIVIDEN	is are sh	DO EWO	3 STOKE	basis. To	:

## Neepsend down again but rot stopped

the award.

Sometimes recent happenings can seem so distant. Neepsend in special steels and engineering now reports a plunge in pre-tax profits from £781.000 to £349,000 for the six months

in 1974-75 they were nearly 22m a year. Then the rot set in. In 1975-76 they fell to less than £1.25m. To do as well as that in the year closing next month Neepsend must make around £890,000 in the second six months.

second six months.

Mr Stanley Speight, and his colleagues do not say that this will happen. But they do say second half year, and that the year's figures should not be insatisfactory. Last September the chairman

saw no sign of business turning saw no sign of business turning up, and he pointed again to dumping in special steels. But even then he was looking for better things in this, the second half year. Meanwhile the interim dividend is again 0.84p net or 1.29p gross. Last year's total payment of 2.93p net, equal to 4.51p gross absorbed £398.000. £398,000.

From time to time the thought that Neepsend will bid for associate Raine Engineer-ing is bruited, but not recently.

Treasury spoils Dyson payout

With a leap in profits, comes a forecast from Stannington-based J. and J. Dyson of good things for the full year.

Turnover rose 25.73 per cent to £13.7m in the six months to September 30 and pre-tax profits jumped by 65.79 per cent to £955,000. Moreover, the heard wedlete "in greece of

cent to £955,000. Moreover, the board predicts "in excess of £1.8m" for the full year. In 1975-76, pre-tax profits were £1.31m and the record of £1.89m was set in 1970-71.

Mr Gerald A. Lomas, chairman, tells shareholders that he had hoped to restore the interim dividend, as promised, to 2.42p gross. But the Treasury would not budge and the maximum interim allowed is 2.38p.

A final of 2.57p is indicated. Depending on trading the final

Impala paying less

Depending on trading the final

and still gloomy Impala Platinum, part of the Union Corporation group, has cut the second innerim dividend from 15 cents so 10 cents a share. In the half year to December 31 the company made R17.6m compared with R9.85m. But the second figure was coosted to R17.6 after taking into account exchange losses on

The latest results include a provision for the US\$2.1m award made against the com-pany in favour of Colonial

The second half at the current year will be affected by the loss of black labour. It left the mine after the rioting last November, Impala reports.

Metals, though Impala is to contest the Court finding and

## **Bucknall** gets Bremar terms

The formal offer from Bren Roldings, a large private bank, for Bucknell Trust has been issued. Bremar plans to pre-serve a substantial outside ensure an adequate market in the shares.

Arrangements have been made to enable some shares to be placed at 201p—the offer price—with clients of Burge and Co should the maintenance of the listing require this.

Bremer will not use constant of Bucknall to secure a share listing for itself. It is buying courrel of Bucknall simply to extend in merchant banking. It sees Bucknell as a growing in worth while return.

Olives Paper Mill coming right

Last year the turnover of Lan-cashire-based Olives Paper Mill grew from £3.38m to £4.16m and pre-tax profits from £26,000 to £88,000. However, the latest figures include £50,000 before tax for grants and a consequential fire loss claim relating to

An interim dividend of 1.92p is declared against 1.29p gross. There will be no final dividend for 1976, as was the case the

However, the board sees signs of a gradual improvement in the underlying trend.

F. Austin margins up The 1975-76 rally from furniture maker F. Austin (Leyton) continues. Pre-tax profits in the six months to December 31 went up 34 per cent to £330,000. Turnover rose from £3.69m to £4.09m, so margins widened to 8.05 per cent from 6.6 per cent. But the interim dividend is only

0.21p gross again.

The whole of last year saw profits rise from £353,000 to ES01,000. The 1973-74 record was £615,000.

Merch'ts Warehouse: going gets tougher

In the 24 weeks to Decem 11, the pre-tax profits of Dublin-based Merchant' Warehousing rose from £198,000 to £215,000. However, the board adds that the year's results will probably not beat 1975-76's, when they were £376,000 before tax. The interim payment is again 0.5p.

## Hardy recovering from half-time losses

(Furnishers) regard the latest setback as temporary. This is as well because pre-tax profits of £1.13m turned into losses of £340.000 in the half year to October 16.

Despite news that the group has been profitable in the second six months, and a statement that "a good performance will again be achieved in the future", the shares dropped 50 to 22p. contrast turnover 1050

The directors of Hardy & Co debt sales. There is no dividend Furnishers) regard the latest against an interim of 1.77p The board says that increased costs were not covered by a hoped-for rise in sales during

the bot summer. Several stores which contributed little to pro-fits are being closed. Other savings have already been made If the group returns to form dividend payments will be re-

Over the whole of 1975-76, pre-tax profits fell from £2.5m to £2.09m. The board warned from £18.2m to £20.7m. This to £2.09m. The board of excluded VAT but did include shareholders that margin pressed by rising costs. shareholders that margins were

## Kleeman settles for sedate growth

ordinary and unprecedented" demand, Kleeman Industrial Holdings expected in 1976 to grow at a less headlong pace. So it turned out.

Turnover edged shead by less than 2 per cent to 57.09m, and pre-tax profits of this seal and gasket manufacturer went up 16 per cent to a record £2.28m, the eleventh in a row. Earnings a share rose from 21.8p to 24.2p.

After an extraordinary item of £157,000 for 1975, ner profits slipped from £1.1m to £1.07m

but the dividend goes up from thought that there could we'll 6.39p to 7.03p gross as forecast at half time. the second half along first-half lines.

At half time, turnover was up 3 par cent at 63.41m but pre-tax profits had managed a 14 par cent increase to £908,000. Overseas trading continued to make progress and to a large extent the increase in profits reflected the group's efforts abroad. Mr Derrick Kleeman, chair-

man, was reluctent to give a precise forecast for the full year but he did think that the pre-tax total would be no lower than 1975's £1.9m. He also

In the event, the second six months brought an 18 per cant rise in profits of £1.37m on a turnover of £3.67m against £3.65m.

After conversions in May, 97 per cent of the group's original issue of 74 per cent loan stock had been converted into ordinary shares, or been purchased. The small balance has since been similarly dealt with, so the entire issue has now been

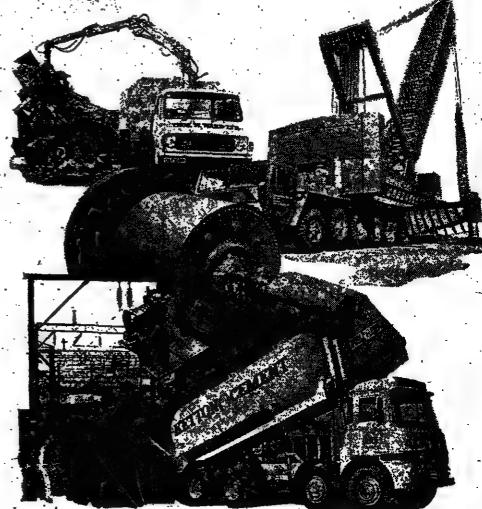
## Thos.VV.Ward Profit increased by 17½%

At the Annual General Meeting held in and in some cases a volatile trading period. Sheffield on February 25th, Mr. D. F. Walton, PROSPECTS Chairman and Managing Director, said in the

course of his review: Profit before taxation of £8,082,000 shows an increase of 17.5% over the previous year on a tumover up from £188.094.000 to a record £209,551,000. These figures are a result of a great deal of hard work in a difficult

It is even more difficult than usual to essess the prospects for the immediate

I am looking for greater efficiency in a number of areas and I see the Group being better equipped and able to produce improved results when the aconomy improves.



Salient figures for the last five years

	1976	1975	1974	1973 (15 months)	1972
<u>_</u> =	£'000	£.000	£.000	£'000	000°3
Turnover	209,551	188,094	146,582	153,615	86,617
Profit before Tax	8,082	6,878	7,874	7,959	5,563
Profit after Tax	3,649	2,789	3,707	4,694	3,310
Profit relating to Thos. W. Ward Limited	3,234	3,438	1,161	.4,448	2,867
Basic samings per share	7.8p	6.8p	- 9.0p	11.2p	7.6p
Gross Dividend per Ordinary Share	5.6p	5.6p	5.6p	6.6p	5.0p.

THOS. W. WARD LIMITED, Albion Works, Sheffield S4 7UL.

# Magazine say the cost has been rising

#### much faster pace than perieuced. of living. One simple that between January July 1976 new car e by 78 per cent. In eater proportion of sts goes on garage s; they almost doubled

at period. reason for the sharp is that in earlier years did not foresee such te of inflation; many mated the amount ed to reserve to meet ig claims. Serious claims, for instance, or the accident. s not really much hope

rs being able to keep in premiums signifi-low the increase in the ving. In fact, at some are will be a sharp inadministrative costs. ay the insurance indusy the instance and in-industry staffs (like y else!) almost cer-ill receive significant in salaries and wages. the reasons why the increases in 1976 were modest (the average per cent). was that, in with most other notor insurers thought rate of inflation would a much greater an in fact happened. know the reasons why ctations were not ful-

the past few years drop in the rate of inflation rance premiums have until it has actually been ex-

Another reason is that insurers had also gained from the fact that speed restrictions resulted in fewer claims—as did suited in fewer claims—as did the sharp increases in the price of petrol. Many motorists managed to cur their milage by assessing whether their lourney was really necessary and, sometimes, by taking lifts from (and giving lifts to) other motorists travelling to the same descipation. As a result, with destination. As a result, with fewer cars on the roads there was less chance of accidents. Unfortunately trends like that do not continue; usually there is a reversal of the pattern. And this is what happened. Never-

theless, the Department of Trade monitors premium increases and major insurers have to apply for permission to make increases, giving detailed figures to support their pro-In practice, however, it is generally competition, rather than the Department of Trade, which keeps premiums in check. On many occasions insurers impose much lower increases than those which the Department of Trade has said may be

a level which will result in the loss of a large volume of business. Motorists as a whole are ready to switch from one inbut this may make surer to another at renewal if more wary in the it looks as though there is a

implemented. There is no point

in increasing premium rates to

worthwhile saving in premium to be made. I believe that, in the early stages after a massive premium increase, one major insurer was losing nine out of ten of its renewals. The position adjusted itself after a while as the other insurers im-posed premium increases.

No insurer has a magically successful formula for under writing. As a result, it after happens that a premium sav-ing policy which is introduced with a great flourish runs into trouble, or the premiums are increased to levels very much in line with those generally applying in the market.

The large motor insurers with a nationwide network of branches, aim to give a high standard of service—particustandard of service-particu-larly in the event of a claim. Service is not cheap, and that has to be reflected in the premium. Often it may be worth paying a higher premium for od service. Motor underwriters

Lloyd's—who insure about one in live of the private cars on the roads—do not have such high administrative costs as some companies. On the other hand, they pay higher rates of commission to brokers than some companies, and generally achieve a better underwriting profit. For them, underwriting profit is all-important, whereas in a company the motor account can be carried to some extent by other more profitable classes of business.

## FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

## World-wide pick-up on the cards at Howard

In spite of its 61 per cent pre-tax profit jump to £3.26m in the year to October 31 the directors of Howard Machinery are dissatisfied with returns on capital employed.

They give among the chief reasons for the inadequate profit return the high cost of production at Howard Rotavator in Britain, the floods and economic troubles in Brazil and the economic uncertainty and over-valuation of the currency in Australia.

But excellent figures came from the French, German and Italian companies as well as from J. Mann at home. This subsidiary distributes Class harvesting machinery and Ford industrial engines.

At Howard Rotavator, exports which were somewhat dis-appointing in 1975-76 are now on the upturn in some markets. Sales are buoyant, both at home and abroad, and this year should prove much better.

J. Mann, its other chief United Kingdom offshoot, again increased exports in spite of dry harvesting conditions world-wide and the impact of a depressed construction equip-ment market on industrial engine demand, Good things are expected from this company.

A more profitable year is also In store for the Australian side where sales were below forecast last year. But it has got off to a good start, helped by the recent devaluation. In spite of the problems in Brazil, directors are confident that the region will become a major

#### More copper powers Lornex

More copper and batter prices enabled Larnex Mining Corporation of Vancouver to produce net earnings for 1976 of S15.9m (Canadian) or S1.93 a share, compared with only \$625,000 (8 cents a share). The 1976 ner earnings are equiva-lent to about £9m.

Production of copper in con-centrate went up from 107.2m rayable pounds to 145.7m rounds.

The gross copper revenue frice a payable pound averaged 6.5 cents, compred with 55 cents. Rio Altom has 66.5 per cent of Lornex and Pio Altom

#### Algemene Bk higher

Net consolidated profit of Algemene Bank Nederland for 1976 rose from 186.5m florins to 205.8m florins (\$48m). This was after a provision of 115m floring for general risks against 97m florins. Profits before both tax and provisions went up from 4.2.1m florins to 514m florins. The dividend rises from 21 to 22.5 florins.

#### Briefly

BRICOMIN-MENTEITH

Baring Brothers announces that offer for Bricomin to buy the Ord in Mentelth not already owned accepted by bolders of 12m Ord, representing 94.3 per cent of the shares for which the offer was made. Bricomin now has 97.3 per cent of Mentelth Ord. Offer remains open.

RELIABLE PROPERTIES Again no dividend after a loss for the year to June 30 of £20,000 (against loss of £359,000).

.STOTHERT & PITT

Holding of 49.3 per cent in Mulders' Fabriek van Rollend Materieel—the loss-making Dutch associate—sold for £121,000.

TREBOR SHARPS Turnover rose 15 per cent in 1976 and exports by one third. Future "rosy" and £1 a is to be spent on advertising.

WEARRA GROUP
Experts for first four months have doubled. They should account for over fim in full year. Good advance in interim profits indi-

LONDON SUMATRA London Sumatra Plantations total of purchases by Harrisors and Crosfields of 182,986 ord. amending interest to 3,37m ord (21,2 per cent) in London Sumatral control

## Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank .. 1110 Consolded Credits 111% First London Secs 111% C. Hoare & Co .. #111% Lloyds Bank .... 111% Midland Bank .. 111% Nat Westminster 112% Rossminster Acc's 111% Shenley Trust .. 14% Williams & Glyn's 111% \$ 7-day deposits on sums of \$10,000 and under. 8%. up to \$25,000. 8'-'s. over \$25,000. 9's.

#### Coffee and cocoa at new highs for second day

Coffee and cocoa prices again reached new peaks in the London markets yesterdzy. In coffee, the May position touched £4,000 per tonne in morning trading. Switching from other soft commodities into coffee probably helped to push prices up although by midday sellers backed away and physical business tended to dry up.

At the afternoon close March was at £3,677.50, which was £120 up on the day, and May at £3,732.50 was £154.50 ahead.

In cocoa, March reached £2,540 per tonne in morning trading. Dealers said that sustained strength

Dealers said that sustained strength Desires said that sustained strength reflected growing concern about the supply-demand situation which was having constructive side effects on charts.

on clarts.

At the afternoon close near March was at £2,559, which was £89.25 up on the day, and May had gained £89 to £2,541.50.

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COPPER was steady, cash wire bars towing \$1.25 and three months dropping \$2.75.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars. \$1.25 and three months dropping \$2.75.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars. \$2.42.45 a nature ton three months. \$2.74.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars. \$2.74.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars. \$2.74.—Afternoon.—Cash wire had. \$2.74.—Afternoon.
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RUBBER PHYSICALS were uncertain.

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22.25-2.76: 1ay. 53.60-51.00.

COFFES.—March. 53.676-31.10:

COFFES.—March. 53.676-31.10:

C. 7.70-60. Seqt. 53.770-00: Nov. 73.73-60.

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is 51 per cent owned by RTZ.

#### Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Pre-tax revenue of Tyneside Investment Trust for the vear to Jan 31 up from £282.000 to £355.000. Gross payment goes up from 4.23p to 5.08p.

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32	25	Armitage & Rhodes	28	—,	3.0	10.7	
114	96	Deborah Ord	98	_	8.2	8.4	4,9
122	104	Deborah 171 % CULS	.108	-1	·17.5	16.2	
62	45	Henry Sykes	<b>49</b>	-1	2.2	4.5	5.7
รัก	55	James Burrough	60	_	6.0	7.5	12.7
	188	Robert Jenkins	219	-2	25.0	11.4	4.9
233		Twinlock Ord	15				
24	_8		58		12.0	20.7	•
67	54	Twinlock 12% ULS			6.1	11.3	6.8
63	51	Unilock Holdings	54	—.		8.4	7.8
60	65	Walter Alexander	69	_	5.8	3.4	7.0

## Commodities

A Canadian banker's publicly stated view that the Canad'an dollar will decline to 90 US cents this year appears to have been responsible for triggering heavy solling of the currency yesterday forcing it down on the exchanges to 95.60/62 US cents at one stage, against the overnight level of 96.12/14.

Bank of Canada intervention around the lower level restored some stability and the Canadian unit then traded in the range of 95.65/80 US cents in nervous conditions.

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VOOL: Greasy futures were steady
(petter ner kild).—March. 222.1-22.5:
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MAZE.—No Syellow American' French March, L85.50; April, L84.50 cast coast.

RARLEY was unquoied. All per tompe the mines which can be made to the mines which coast. EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady: March, E30.50; May, E33.70. Sopt. £87.70; Nov. £30.65; Jan. £3.55; Sales: 43 lois. WHEAT was steady: March, £85.95; May, £93.15; Sent. £01.85; Nov. £94.90; Jan. £77.90. Sales: 55 lois.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-larm spot prices.—

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#### Foreign Exchange

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Dealers said the Canadian dol-

Dealers said the Canadian dollar has been vulnerable to adverse comment since the separatist victory in the Quebec elections while expectations of a bank rate cut continue to disturb the market.

Other currencies traded more quietly with operators puntilling to "open new positions" ahead of the month-end.

Sterling closed 5 points un against the dollar at \$1.7085. Its effective rate widened to 43.3 per cent from 43.2 per cent the previous evening.

Gold closed unchanged at \$140.125.

## Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels

Gold Gold fixed: Am. 5140.85 (an sunce c pm. 5130.925. Kruguvand (per cola): non-resident. 5142.75-145.75 (1364-55): resident. 5143.75-145.75 (1264-55). Severalizat (new): non-resident. 547-86 (227.50-

## Discount market

Credit conditions stayed very tight on Lombard Street yesterday and the Bank of England was again required to assist the market on an exceptionally large sum to nine or 10 houses over the weekend at MLR (12 per cent) for purely technical reasons. The Bank also made small purchases of Treasury, corporation and "eligbills directly from the ible "

houses. The help was far greater than underlying factors had indicated and rates of 12 per cent being paid for secured loans during the day came tumbling down to between 9 and 10 per cent for final balances. Banks' belances were very slightly up overnight, there was a sizable excess of government disbursements over revenue transfers to the Exchequer, and the marker also benefited from the return of money in the form of excess applications for Thursof excess applications for Thurs-day's Corporation of London issue. On the other hand, the market had a substantial bill take-up to finance, there was a modest flow of notes out into the weekend spending circulation and there was repayment to be made of the large overnight element of Thursday's Bank loans to the market.

## Money Market

Bank of England Maximum Lending Rate 13/c (Last changed 3.2.77)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11/c/c Ciscount Mist Learn's
Weekend High Ph. Low 12
Week Fixed 11/c/12

## Wall Street

New York, Feb 25.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed mostly lower, abandoning a mid-session recovery artempt.

The Dow Jores industrial average was up 0.83 point at 933.43.
Declining issues led gainers by about 845 to about 555.

Volume rotalled 17,610,000 shares, down from 197,730,000

Brokers say the market is pri-marily concerned with rising, in-flation and the outlook for possible turther gains. ble further gans.

Analysis expect the February consumer price index to slip in to double digits, showing further effects of the severe winter

Silver gains 6.30 cents

New York, Feb 23.—COMEX SILVER Indians Stayed an impressive fair in a distinction to close between 5.53 and 9.50 cents higher on whom 5.73 and 9.50 cents higher on whom 5.73 and 9.50 cents higher on whom 5.74 decomposited house and Charlish between 5.74 cents of the silver of the silv Silver gains 6.30 cents

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## Majority of 38 for Bill to reform abortion law: disquiet at continuing level of abuses

said it sought to reform the law of abortion as embodied in the 1967 Act. There was evidence of mounting disquiet about the workings of the Act and he was seeking to legislate in response to the recommendations of the Select Committee of the House.

It is said that the select committee's report is blased (he con-tinued), because cortain MPs refused to take part in its work. Careful study of its proceedings will show that is a false charge. I have little sympathy with those who opt out of something and then complain about the result, particularly as there was no recommendation on the grounds for abortion which, as I under-stand it, was their particular ferr. Abortion figures might be fall-ing in numercial terms but they very rising as a percentage of live births from 142 per 1.000 in 1972, 10 177 in 1975 and 1976. The rise was even more marked in the

To my sac groups.

The clause dealing with doctors' woman's own newly-qualified doctor would be prevented from being involved in the decision on abortion, if he had less than five years' standing, the second doctor would have to have longer experi-

ence.
Abuses of the law would be less Assess of the law would be less likely the more score for profit-mething was reduced.

An important clause strengthened the position of the with conscioutous objection we

with constinutions objection to taking part in abortion operations. Some doctors and nurses had been discressed because of their beliefs, and the Bill emphasized their right to object on religious, ethical or other grounds. He had received probably more evidence on this point then on any other.
He had been tri'd by charities
first the Bill would inhibit their
york. But the Lane committee had

recognized that the private sector must be treated as a whole and that registration as a charity was an appropriate guideline for accessing the medical aspects of services or abuses.
The 1947 Act had caused difficulties for the police. He accepted that doctors were especially vulnerable to mischievous and unfounded allegations but no doctor, conducting his affairs properly had anything to fear. Only a senior police officer investigation offences would be able to apply for a warrant and only a judge could grant it, obviously after considering prima facle evidence.

It has always been necessary sold) to bajance any marginol reduction of confidentiality against the exhibitation of prequent yomen by abortionists who break Nes Renee Short (Welverbampton,

North East, Lab) said Mr Benvon had produced no evidence of a single shall since the 1967 Act was introduced. That was not good

Mr Benyon said he had received a perition from 10,000 people in the medical profession to say he had not gone far enough in the Bill. Wrs Short.—I suppose it is easy to get 10.000 Catholic nurses and doctors to sign a petition. The Bill was hadly drafted and indicated that Mr Benyon did not

understand the implications of his own Bill. It was also ill thought out and would have the most appailing affects if it were ever

The Bill was based on an unhalanced report from an un-belanced select committee comstill were, opposed to the 1967

It was not made clear in the Bill what was to be done about those doctors who would author-ize abortions. Was Mr Benyon saying that in a hospital, for example, a consultant in a department would not be able to get his house man to sign a certificate? What did he expect them to do? Was Mr Benyon saying to doctors in practice they should not be able to sign a certificate? If he was snying that they have he was snying they hav be was suying that, then he was implying that there was a great deal of abuse in the Act among

profession.
Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State for Health (Lewisham, East, Lab) said that the free family planning service under the NRS planning service under the NHS had led to a trend towards fewer abortions performed on women resident in Britain. The decline from the peak of 1973-74 continued and last year there had been 100,000 such abortions, a

drop of 8 per cent on 1974. The decline in 1976 was common to all age groups, including girls under 16 for the first time. Similar change had occurred in the lucidence of illegitimate births and pre-markal pregnancies. The number of foreign women coming for abortion had dropped dramatically, halving since 1974, reflecting the introduction of abortion legislation in some other

countries.

Abuses in the private sector which had caused so much concern in the early 1970s, the taxi touts, unscrupulous agencies and nursing homes exploiting women and the unethical behaviour of small numbers of doctors—had heen progressively brought under

The maximum fine for offences against regulations under the 1957 Act was being increased to £1,000 by the Criminal Law Bill. Nursing homes were regularly inspected and any evidence of improper con-duct promptly investigated. To obtain approval under the Abortion Act, owners of private nursing homes must give a range

of undertakings.

These provided for maintenance of detailed records: Inspection of premises and records by Ministry officers at any time without notice; he giving of receipts to norce; 'he giving of receipts to patients and retention of copies for inspection; accentance of fees only after two doctors had certified that, the Act's criteria was met in each case; for the number of patients per 24 hours not rescreed the number of heds approved; and for the evantination of patients has a doctor had an of nationis by a doctor before discharge.

The nursing bome must also

undertake not to advertise abroad, directly or indirectly, or employ touts or to accept patients who had been diverted from their intended destinations or touted for. The proprierrys must have no connection with scencies or persons known to advertise abroad or to tout or to divert parients. for approval, had also to provide for approval, had also to proving develop information about the business arrangements of the companies and individuals in the application, all of volved in the annication, all of which was carefully inquired into by the department's investigators.

Medical and nursing arrangements, including staffing, equipments, including staffing, equip-ment, procedures and accommoda-tion, were checked by the deport-ment's medical and nursing teams. Nursing homes which concen-trated on abordions had to satisfy the Secretary of State that the toral costs charged to abordion patients treated on their premises were reasonable and must not in-crease those costs without prior approval. All financial arrange-ments between nursing homes and ments between nursing homes and doctors, other than payment of fees, and pregnancy advice bureaux, must be reported to the Department of Health and Social Services.

A register of approved pregnancy advice bureaux had been published and aursing homes would be liable to lose their approval if they accepted patients referred to them by unregistered bureaux which charged fees. Registered bureaux, like nursing homes, would be liable to regular A register of

There was great concern shout the period of pregnancy after which there should not be termination. Following the select committee recommendations, terminations after the 20th week of pregnancy were permitted only in hospitals or approved nursing homes with resuscitation equipment and staff trained to use it.
Only 1 per cent of abortions in the country were done after 20 weeks and only a fifth of those after 24 weeks.
Following the Lane Commuttee, NHS authorities had been re-

drawn up by the Peel committee on the use of foetal material for research, and strict arrangements governed nursing homes in the disposal of such material.

Information to hand the said indicates that this code is being conscientiously observed throughout the NHS and the private sector.

There had been criticism about pressures on staff not to exercise their right of conscientious objection. He did not believe that was well-founded. Guidance had been issued by the department at the request of the medical profession. This said that it should be made clear to applicants where a demand for termination existed which could not otherwise be met so that

applicants were not questioned on their religious beliefs or personal beliefs on abordon. penets on abortion.

There was no evidence that recruitment to the specialities was affected adversely, or that anyone had been penalized in following their career as a result.

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When some MPs indicated disagreement, Mr Moyle offered to look into any individual cases. look into any individual cases.

The charitable organizations (he continued) through charging moderate fees while providing a high sandard of lu-patient care, had contributed to the improvements in the private sector. These

ments in the private sector. These organizations, which were as closely supervised as any others in the private sector with which his department dealt, would be visuly affected by some of the Bill's provisions. The House would need to consider whether this served the overall objective of preventing shuss in the private sector. abuse in the private sector.

abuse in the private sector.

There were some indications that NHS provision for abortion was improving, while accepting that recional variations remained.

If the Bill found favour with a majority of the House, he and the Secretary of State would place the resources of the department at the disposal of the House with a view to consulting the appropriate area. to consulting the appropriate pro-fessional and other interests Left to their own resources they

would not have seen the need in introduce legislation, given the administrative action which had been taken. The Secretary of State had expressed the view that there was a case for a period of calm while the web of administration continued to regulate and reduce the problems that gave concern nor so long ago.

He personally would vote against

Mr Frederick Willey (Sunderland, North. Lsb) chairman of the select committee, said the unique feature of abortion law in this country was the system of two medical practitioners. It was important to procudences. It was important to continue confidence in that. The committee recommended that one should have professional standing and that both should be inde-

good deal of evidence that people were disturbed about the provision for conscientious objection. Mr David Steel (Roxburgh, Selakirk and Poebles, L) said he spoke not as leader of his party but as the originator of the 1967 Act. as the originator of the 1967 Act. The two organizations campaigning for support for the Bill stood for the total repeal of the 1967 Act. Their object was to stop abortion. None should pretend that the Bill was to tidy up the Act. The steam behind it was to stop abortion. We should reject (he said) an attempt to interfere with the Act.

attempt to interfere with the Act in such a fundamental way.

Sir Bernard Braine (South East Essex. C) said he did not seek alteration in the criteria for law-The 1967 Act had helped to reduce suffering but the illegal abortion scandal had not ceased.

scandal had not ceased.

The present arrangements actually discriminated against the poor. And fortunes had been made by unscrupulous operators. A woman facing the agodizing decision was entitled to unbiased medical advice. The 20-week limit for abortions mentioned in the Bill accorded more closely with medical knowledge than the 28 week limit now operating. limit now operating.
Sir George Sinciair (Dorking, C)
said he hoped the House would
reject the Bill and that the Gov-

ernment would, as soon as pos-sible, decide how best to tacklo the abuse of the gross disparities of the levels of the abortion service in the NHS in various areas. Mr James White (Glasgow, Pollok, Lab) said that if MPs wanted approtion on demand, they should propose a Bill to provide for that, Mrs Elaine Kellett-Bowman (Lancaster. C) said that the Bill should

between termination to destroy and termination for therapeutic reasons, where it was essential to save the life of mother or baby. She had been fortunate enough, 30 years ago to have such a ter-mination, without which she could not have had her twin daughters. Mrs Maureen Colquhoun (Northampton, North, Lab) said this was downgrade women and deprive them of their rights. It was time for free, safe and voluntary abor-

Those supporting the Bill were seeking to set up a police state for women, with powers for senior police officers to make checks on

tions for all women who wanted

private matters to make thecks on private matters between a woman and her doctor, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Kinross and West Perthshire, C) said there were those who took the view as a matter of doctrine that abortion in any circumstances was wrong. They did not have the right to force that doctrine on anyone cise or claim that they were taking a higher moral stand than anyone Mr William Hamilton (Fife, Cen-

tral, Lab) said it had always been easier for richer women to get abortions than poorer women. The medical profession were making

medical profession were making profits out of the bodies of women. The Bill was nothing but a class measure designed to penalize ordinary working women in particular.

Mrs Jill Ruight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said mounting pressure outside the House must eventually end in amendment of the Act. They were dealing with the basic issue of life and death and she strongly repudiated any suggestion that the Bill was a class measure.

suggestion that the Bill was a class measure.

It is a question (she said) of whether one buman heing had the right to get rid of the life of another simply because it was inconvenient.

The select committee had heard of a girl who wanted an abortion so that her wedding dress would fit and another who wanted an abortion so that she could play in the local tennis club tourrament. It was impossible to support a

It was impossible to support a situation where abortion was merely another form of contra-

ception.
Mr Robin Rodgson (Walsall, North, C) said the Bfil's supporters had forgotten the difficulty with which women got abordons on the NHS in some parts of the country, even under the present legislation. In Birmingham it was not a good thing to be seen to favour abordon because the word rot round and careers damaged in the medical world. Dr Gerard Vaughan (Reading, South, C), indicating from the Opposition Front Beach that he was speaking personally, said there were still serious abuses and far too much commercial profit

far too much commercial profit. Women were being exploited at a time of great need and anxiety merely for the sake of the profit motive. It was wrong.

There was widespread and genuine disquiet and the Bill would reduce the abuses. The House would be wise to give the Bill a second reading although Bill a second reading although personally he would not vote for the Bill on third reading unless some major changes were made.

A closure modon was carried by 176 vores to 123—majority, 53. and the Bill was read a second time by 170 votes to 132—majority, 38.

A motion that the committee stage should be on the floor of the House was rejected by 137 votes to 108—majority, 28. The Bill was sent to a standing committee.

The Presumption of Death (Scot-land) Bill and the General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill were read a second time. House adjourned, 5 pm.

Court of Appeal

### Law Report February 25 1977

## Compensation value based on 1951 plan

Jelson Ltd v Blaby District what they might have done with it, as an open piece of land with some "lope value", which they might have done with it, as an open piece of land with some "lope value", which they put at 55,700. Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Walter

[Judgments delivered February 17] An "Indication" of a proposed ring road round Leicester shown on the 1951 county development plan which stopped houses being built on a long narrow strip of land and affected the consequential development of a housing estate on surrounding land was held to have persisted throughout the years, although the road plan was shandoned in 1961, so that was abandoned in 1961, so that when compensation had to be determined in 1971, the claimant owners were entitled, on the application of section 9 of the Land Compensation Act, 1961, to the full value of the land for

the full value of the land for residential purposes.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Blaby District Council, the acquiring authority, from the award by the Lands Tribunal (Mr V. G. Wellings, QC) of 560,000 to Jelson Ltd. the claimants, as compensation payable by the council under a confirmed purchase notice for a strip of operations. chase notice for a strip of open grassed land about 2,185ft loni and 140ft wide in a housing estate in Braunstone. Leicoster in Braunstone, Leicester. Section 9 provides: "No account shall be taken of any

depreciation of the value of the relevant interest which is attribut-able to the fact that (whether by way of designation, allocation or other particulars contained in the current development plan, or hy any other means) an indication has heen given that the relevant land is, or is likely, to be acquired by an authority possessing compul-sory purchase powers."

Mr W. J. Glover, QC. and Mr Michael Fitzeerald for the coun-

cil: Lord Silsoe, QC, and Mr Malcolm Spence for the claimans. The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the strip of land in 1951 was part of a large area which the claimants wished to develop as a housing estate. But on the 1951 county development plan it was shown as part of a proposed ring road round Leicester and for many years it looked as though the plan was to be implemented.
In 1951, however, the road plan
as abandoned because it did not
it in with the M1; but the strip remained undeveloped and was now an open space. The question was what compensation were the claimants to have for it. They said that but for the road proposal they could have put 69 houses on it and they claimed 6:0,000 compensation. The council said that they must take the value as it was, irrespective of In 1953 the claimants applied

for permission to build houses on the atrip; but permission was refused. By 1958 the land to the-east and west of the strip was fully developed with houses and service roads completed on the

basis that they would be fronting the proposed ring road.

Then, in 1961, the proposed road was abandoned and everything was altered. In 1963' the claimants again applied for permission' to put up 60 houses and three blocks of flats on the strip. They got quite a long way with the county council and the acquiring council; but the local residents obserted council and the acquiring council; but the local residents objected strongly. There was a public inquiry; the minister called in the application and again refused to let houses be built on the strip. In 1965 the claimants required the council to purchase the strip under section 129 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1962, on the ground that it had been rendered incapable of any beneficial use as it was. So the acquiring authority had to purchase it and they entered on the land in 1971. Was the compensation to be 500.000 or £5,700?

Plainly if one looked at the strip as it was in 1965 or 1971

Plainly if one looked at the strip as it was in 1965 or 1971 it should only be 56,700 unless there was provision for some other assumption to be made. The claimants said that there were other provisions which applied because the real cause of their not being able to develop the strip was the road scheme. They relied, first on the common law principle stated in the Privy Council in Privy Council compulsorily acquired in pursu-ance of a statutory scheme the compensation payable was its ord-inary value without regard to any enhancement (and now also to any depreciation) due to the scheme itself. That was just ordin-

ary common sense. ary common sense.

Alternatively the claimants said that section 9 of the Laud Compensation Act covered the case. In his Lordship's view that section covered anything which would come under the Points Gourde principle. In the present case it was plain that the second part of section 9 was satisfied, for an "indication" had been given in the current development play of the current development plan 1951 that the "relevant land" the strip—was likely to be acquired by an authority possessing compulsory purchase powers; and time after time thereafter dur-ing the various applications for planning permission and the

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public inquiries the "indication" was there.

When one came to the earlier words of section 9, was it that "indication" of the ring road "indication" of the ring road given all those years ago which had "caused", 48 his Lordship would put it. the reduction in value from £60,000 to £6,700? Was the lesser value "attributable to "the proposed ring road? In the light of the history it seemed as plain as could be that the depreciation was so attributable. From 1953 to 1956 the claimants wanted to develoo the whole of the strip to develop the whole of the strip with extra houses and flam. They could not do it because of the proposed road, so they developed their land to the west and east. And even after the road plan was abandoned their application to develop the strip west section. develop the strip was refused because of the way the houses

had been built and the local resi-dents' objections. The whole depreciation in value, therefore, went back to the fact of the indi-cation of the proposed road That was depreciation which had to be disregarded under section 9. The compensation payable should be the full £60,000. The appeal should be dismissed. LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON,

concurring, sald that, on the facts, everything that flowed from the "indication" constituted response by the claimants to Lord Justice Waller delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Field, Fisher & Mar-tineau for Dews, Welham & Co, Leicester; Kingsford, Dorman & Co for Geoffrey Tew & Co, Leicestershire.

#### **Control of premises** sufficient Regina v Josephs and Christie cannabis, many in the possession

Where a defendant is charged with being concerned in the manage-ment of premises upon which he ment of premises upon which he knowingly permits the supplying of a controlled drug, contrary to section 8 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971, the question whether he is lawfully in possession of those premises is irrelevant, the Court of Appeal held. A defondant needs no interest in premises in order to be concerned in their management. It is a matter which management. It is a matter which depends upon the circumstances of each case.

The court dismissed appeals by Ivan Dick Douglas and Ransford Caristie against their conviction at Inner London Crown Court (Judge West-Russell) of that offence. The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the appellants ran what was called a card school in the

basement of a house owned but not occupied by the local council. They were in a sense squatters, there without lawful authority as respassers. Having carried out a raid the police found packets of

of a man who had been with the appellants. So far as the appel appellants. So far as the appellants were concerned, it was argued that they could not be concerned with the management unless there was some sort of authority giving them a legal right. It was not sufficient to show that they were de facto managing a card school in the basement to show management. It was also said that it did not matter what the authority was, merely what the authority was, merely some sort of legal authority. That was not necessary. If in

truth a man was exercising control over premises, running them or organizing or managing them, the fact that he was not lawfully in possession of them was irrelevant. The trial judge's summing up was perfectly adequate and acceptable to deal with the circumstances of the present case. The court was not dealing with anything beyond the circumstances of the present case. The trial judge took the right artitude. The appeal was dismissed.

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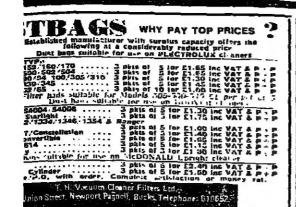


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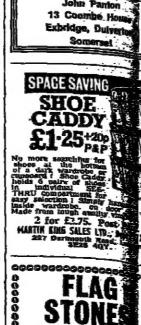
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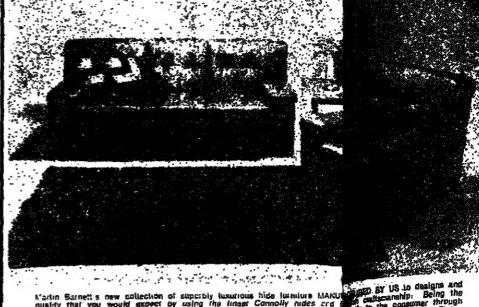
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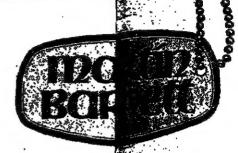
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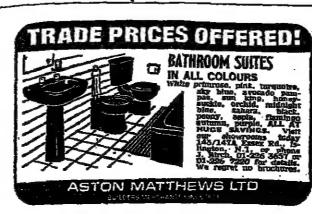




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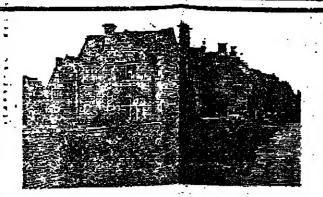
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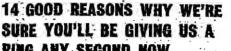
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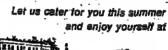
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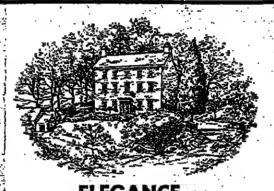
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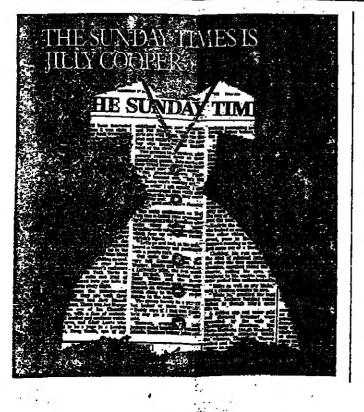
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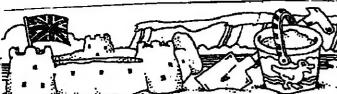
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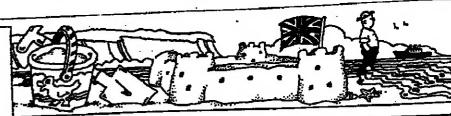
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